

Thos. Cook, Who Had To Leave School At 10, Was Born 150 Years Ago

More people than ever travel either for business or pleasure within their own land or voyage over the seas of the world. Few give a thought to the man—a Baptist—who was the pioneer of travel for the millions.

Thos. Cook—he insisted on the abbreviation of his Christian name—was born at Melbourne, Derbyshire, 150 years ago, on November 22, 1808. His father died when he was four, and he had to leave school at 10 to become a gardener for a day. Later, he was apprenticed to an uncle, a woodworker.

Deeply religious, he finally found a more congenial task, and an outlet for his spiritual fervor and physical restlessness in the service of the General Baptist Association of Rutland as an evangelist. Means of transport were limited, and he walked over 2,000 miles in one year.

Temperance Cause

In 1838, Father Mathew of Dublin signed the pledge, and advocated a policy which spread all over Ireland like wild fire. Visiting London in 1843, the movement attracted much attention in this country, and Thos. became greatly interested in this new Temperance Cause. Under its auspices, a public meeting was arranged at Loughborough, and his mind was much occupied with the problem of getting as many as possible to attend.

Roads were bad, and there was little communication even between one village and the next. But on June 9, 1841, he read in the local paper as he walked 15 miles from Market Harborough to Leicester to attend a temperance meeting that an extension of the railway between Nottingham and Derby was completed. The great idea struck him with excitement—later, he called it an inspiration. Would not the attraction of something altogether new, a ride in a railway train with others of like sympathies ensure the success of this more ambitious gathering at Loughborough?

First Excursion Train

Greatly daring, he wrote to the Midland Company and asked for a special train. Instead of ignoring the request of a young man without financial backing the secretary replied, "I know nothing of either you or your Society but you can have your train."

So on July 5, 1841, the first ever advertised excursion by train made history. It carried 570 passengers, 12 miles and back for one shilling, and was a huge success. John, aged seven, helped his father and thus was born the firm of Thos. Cook & Son.

Enquiries and requests for similar facilities poured in upon him from other organizations, and he arranged many trips for Sunday schools and churches. It soon became a full-time job and he removed to Leicester as a regular travel agent.

His grand opportunity came in 1851, when the Great Exhibition promoted by the Prince Consort in the interests of World Peace was held in Hyde Park. This was something after his own heart. An excursion train left Leicester every morning at five, and to make it possible for the town workers to go, he started travel clubs. Thousands joined and paid for the journey to London, admission to the Exhibition, and board on arrival. When the season ended, this tiny establishment had issued 165,000 tickets. It was necessary to remove his headquarters to the metropolis.

Travel and the Gospel

Always at the back of his mind was the conviction that travel was one of the ways in which the Gospel could be spread. He never undervalued the financial reward of his efforts, but he felt he was doing something to further the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Planned tours to Paris for the less wealthy—only the rich could afford the Grand Tour—followed. He fixed up hotels, and arranged an itinerary with meticulous care, including all the places of interest. His first party numbered 578.

Switzerland welcomed him with open arms, allowed him to issue his own tickets, and promised to provide the cleanest and most comfortable hotels in Europe.

Sometimes his most carefully-drawn plans were threatened with disaster. But he never broke his word. Once the hotel in Rome booked for 50 in Holy Week filled up with wealthier guests. Cook hired the Palace of Prince Torlonia for £500 and provided meals in neighboring hostels. His delighted clients voluntarily subscribed half the cost.

Possibilities of visiting the sacred sites of Palestine soon filled his mind. He thought the faith of professing Christians would be strengthened, and that others might be won for Christ if they could follow in the earthly steps of the Master. Overcoming well-nigh incredible difficulties, he made treaties with the Bedouin chiefs who promised never to molest his parties—and they kept their word.

World Tour

At 64, he still cherished the hope that international peace and good will could be fostered by bringing the peoples of the world together. So in 1872, he sailed from Liverpool with companions representing Britain, Russia, America and Greece. On this first world tour, the journey lasted 222 days, and he sent frequent letters to The Times relating his unique experiences. No such adventure had ever been dreamed before.

Innumerable tours were arranged to more and more parts of the world. Then retiring from active participation in the now gigantic concern, he left the business to his sons and (Continued on Page 2)

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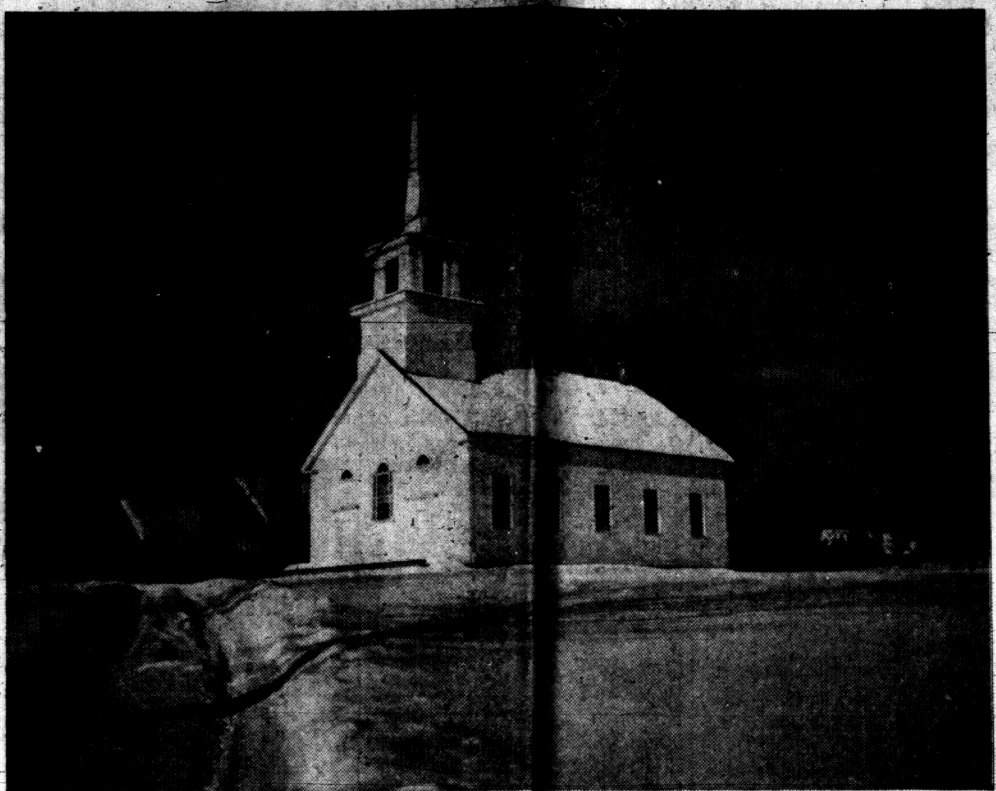
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World Missions Rallies Ready



THE PLACE OF PRAYER—"... let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."—Paul, Philippians 4: 6, 7 (H. Armstrong Roberts photo)

A World Missions Rally will be held in every association in the state during the two-week period Jan. 19-30; it has been revealed by Dr. Joe T. Odle, state associate executive secretary.

Each one-day conference will begin at 2:30 p.m. and adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

The afternoon meeting, to adjourn at 5:00 o'clock, will be a giant World Missions Rally with every Baptist in the association urged to attend.

Conducting each Rally will be a team of three, including a state worker as captain and two pastors from outside the association.

The evening Rally will begin with a song and praise service, followed by a report on the 1959 Crusade in that association.

The two teams members will speak next using as their subject "A Baptist Imperative—Go!" and "A Baptist Distinctive—Cooperation."

Following special music the Rally will be closed with a message on "A Baptist Opportunity—Jubilee Advance," by the team captain.

The afternoon session will open with a song and praise service followed by a message on "The 1959 Evangelistic Crusade" by the team captain.

Following will be "Plan Book" study led by a team member, with every pastor urged to bring his Plan Book.

Next the associational chairman of evangelism or steering committee chairman will discuss associational plans.

The session will close following a discussion of "The Pastor as a Personal Soul-Winner" by a team member.

Complete schedules of conferences and team personnel have been sent to churches and associational leaders. About half the Rallies will be held the first week, Jan. 19-23, with the other to be held the second week, Jan. 26-30.

Rallies will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with no meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

SBC Group To Study Southern

NASHVILLE — (BP) — A committee consisting of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention and five former Convention presidents has been appointed to "make a study and investigation" of "current difficulties" facing Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, will serve as temporary chairman.

Other members of the committee are Brooks Hays of Little Rock, Ark., current president of the Convention, and the following past presidents: Louie D. Newton, Pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta; R. G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., and J. W. Storer, Nashville, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Foundation.

The committee was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, upon request of Wade H. Bryant, Roanoke, Va., president of the seminary's trustees. Bryant brought the request on behalf of the executive committee of the seminary's board of trustees.

To Make Report The special committee to study Southern problems will make a written report on or before Mar. 1. This report will be presented to members of the Executive Committee of the SBC and to each seminary trustee.

The problems facing the seminary include a recent report from the accrediting committee of the American Association of Theological Schools which criticized the seminary's administration for the way in which 13 professors were dismissed last June 12. One of the dismissed professors has since been reinstated.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee will consider the report of the special committee at its meeting in Louisville immediately prior to the opening of the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention next May.

Asian Baptist Women Unite

CALCUTTA, India — (BWA) — "Heaven must be something like this," said a tiny lady with smiling black eyes, wearing flowers in her hair.

Such was the reaction of 35 delegates from eight countries gathered in Calcutta, November 8-13, for the first assembly of Asian Baptist women.

There were folk from Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Burma, Ceylon and India. They said themselves that previously all these names had been merely names. Now they are countries where friends dwell, and where "we actually know our own Baptist people."

"I was afraid of such a long plane ride," said Mrs. Lillian Wong of Hong Kong. Others also admitted some initial hesitation when the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance proposed such a gathering, but none could really resist such an unheard of opportunity. Unlike women of the West who travel here and there, this was a new door to Baptist women of the East. So by train

and plane they came to the British Baptist Mission, Calcutta, a place, along with Serampore, hallowed by memories of William Carey.

"One In Christ"

Mrs. George Martin of the U. S. A., chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, was able through love to gather these women from such varied backgrounds of habit, accomplishments, tragedy and hope, into one family. The very first session, during which each group,

by tiny dramas, showed how friends are received in their country, revealed their common humanity. Nor were they unmindful that somewhere in the world, women of large hearts had made this coming together financially possible.

"We are one in Christ," was the phrase most often on their lips. Some had been Hindus, and some Buddhists, but all had experienced a great change in their lives. Christ had become central, and therefore they were kindred to all of like faith.

CATHOLIC 'CONVERSION' OF BAPTIST MILLIONAIRE

By Harold U. Trinler
Editor, The Canadian Baptist

Senator Jacob Nicol, millionaire, financier, lawyer, publisher and politician, died in Sherbrooke, Que., on September 23, at the age of 82.

The Senator was once a small-town farm boy from Roxton Pond, Quebec. He worked his way through college and law school and became publisher of four French-language newspapers, president of three insurance companies, director of five others, and vice-president of La Banque Canadienne Nationale.

He was Crown Prosecutor in Sherbrooke and Liberal party organizer for the Eastern Townships by 1906 and in 1910 he founded the Sherbrooke daily La Tribune. He was Provincial Treasurer of Quebec in 1921, was appointed to the Legislature Council and became speaker of the Upper House in 1930. In 1944 he was named to the Senate.

Jacob Nicol was born of Baptist parents. He grew up in a Baptist home, attended Feller College (a Protestant school) and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from McMaster University (A Baptist institution) in 1900. In 1928 McMaster conferred on him the honorary LL.D. degree.

Staunch Protestant Throughout his life Senator Nicol was a staunch Protestant

and a faithful member of Sherbrooke Baptist church.

Two months before the Senator's death he was admitted to the Roman Catholic St. Vincent de Paul Hospital. He was suffering from a broken collar bone caused by a night-time fall in his home.

While in the hospital, the Senator's pastor, Rev. F. C. Amery of Sherbrooke Baptist church, visited regularly every second or third day. Prayers were offered and Scripture passages were read.

At the Senator's request the Baptist pastor arranged for him to have Holy Communion on August 28. Just before the communion service the Senator stated to his Baptist pastor that,

should he not recover, he desired a funeral service to be conducted by his Baptist pastor and a Protestant undertaker. Towards the end of the communion service, the Senator, being under some sedation because of continuing pain, had to be roused. He continued to be kept under increasing sedation and in an oxygen tent. Imagine the shock to his Baptist pastor when informed that the Senator had voluntarily become a Roman Catholic the next day after the communion service!

Family Surprised

The only witness to the Senator's "conversion" to Roman Catholicism, if he ever made such a decision, were members (Continued on Page 2)

Visits More, Ups Baptisms

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (BP) — The pastor of a five-year-old church who spends at least half his time ringing doorbells has Georgia's best baptism record and one that may be without equal anywhere else.

Grady L. Glaze, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Savannah, baptized 175 converts last year or one for every three members. The church started the associational year with 522 members and ended it with 622.

The 175 baptisms was the third best in the state; Tallapoosa Baptist Church, just eight years old and also in Savannah, was second with 192. J. Carswell Milligan is pastor.

First place in the state went to Mabel White Memorial Baptist Church in Macon with 244. The church, with James W. Waters as pastor, has led Georgia for the last four years.

Glaze says that constant visitation is the secret of his record.

He gives a minimum of two and a half days each week to visiting. When he exhausts the usual prospect cards, he makes his own house-to-house canvass. The church is in the center of four housing projects and has 15,000 residents in its area.

Glaze said the professions were made throughout the year and only 53 came in the one revival. There were additions every Sunday with two exceptions.



HISTORIC JERUSALEM—The Pool of the Sultan (Birket-es-Sultan), just outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, where animals are traded and sold on Fridays. In the background is the modern Church of St. Andrew. (RNS photo)

Names In The News

Dr. Landrum P. Leavell in December celebrated his second anniversary as pastor of First Church, Gulfport.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hunt of Hebron Church in Lauderdale County announce the arrival of a daughter, Alice Esther.

Rev. Allen Webb has accepted the pastorate of the Marion Church in Lauderdale County.

Rev. Roland Barber has been called as pastor of Fellowship (Lauderdale). The church is building a new parsonage.

John Cook has accepted the pastorate of the South Side Church, Columbus.

Tom Strong is leaving Poplar Springs in Lauderdale Association to go to Park View Church, Portsmouth, Va.

J. C. Wells, after 12 years and 10 months of service, has resigned as Superintendent of Missions of the New Orleans Baptist Association. Rev. John Gilbert, of Henner, La., formerly of Mississippi, is Chairman of the association's Missions Committee.

Chaplain Kenneth J. Nettles, formerly in the Azores, is Wing Chaplain, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He is author of "The Supernatural Origin of the Bible," published by Exposition Press. He is a Baptist and a native of Louisiana.

Rev. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert, Southern Baptist missionaries to Ecuador, have moved from Guayaquil to Quito, where their address is Casilla 503, Quito, Ecuador. Mr. Gilbert is a native of Marion County, Mississippi.

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Couch, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Jordan, have sailed for Lebanon, where they will attend language school before going to their permanent field of service. Their address is Baptist Mission, Box 2026, Beirut, Lebanon. Mr. Couch grew up in Tupelo.

W. L. (Bill) Barton has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Satsuma, Alabama to accept the pastorate of Jackson Avenue Church, Pascagoula.

George D. Crawford led the 45-voice Youth Choir of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, on Sunday evening, December 28, as they brought a program of music at the Manhattan Baptist Church of New York City.

M. R. Cooper, 82, native of Mississippi, retired, again is launching into a business, a book store which opened December 15 in Pulaski, Virginia. He will handle all types of books with special emphasis on rare books that are out of print.

Rev. Armond D. Taylor of Memphis has been called as pastor of the Mt. Zion Church in Desoto Association.

Rev. George Carver has resigned as pastor at Walls (Desoto).

Rev. Ed Connelly of New Prospect Church in Desoto County has resigned the pastorate there.

Dr. U. K. Perego pastor will bring a message honoring three retiring deacons at Calvary Church, Meridian, Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor, on Sunday, January 4. C. E. Reeves, W. D. Martin, and B. F. Birdsong have served as deacons for a total of 111 years. Dr. Perego will also teach at Calvary the book "Gospel of Mark" during January 5-8, Bible Study Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat (B. A., Jr.) Clendinning, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Europe, have left the States for their field of service. Their address is Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon - Zurich, Switzerland. Mr. Clendinning will teach at the seminary. Both are natives of Mississippi. He is of McComb and she, the former Monte McComb, of Batesville.

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.



The above 24 young people were named as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting.

Foreign Board Names 24 At Dec. Meet

These missionaries brought the number of appointments for the year to 137 and the number of active foreign missionaries to 1,288. They are (left to right):

First row — Stanley Crabb, Jr., and Patricia Maddux Crabb, both of Kentucky, appointed for Italy; Wayne E. Emanuel, Oklahoma, and Mary Lou Massengil Emanuel, Kentucky, for Japan; C. Hudson Fewell, North Carolina, and Jean Christy Fewell, Arkansas, for Ghana. Second row — James T. Lochridge, Georgia, and Mary Frances Manuel Lochridge, North Carolina, for the Philippines; Leslie G. Keyes, Louisiana, and Naomi Lucas Keyes, Missouri, for Honduras; Donald J. Richards and Shari Sherman Richards, both of Texas, for North Brazil; Virgil H. Moorefield, Jr., and Jane Richardson Moorefield, both of Kentucky, for Italy. Third row

Charles E. Evans, Georgia, and Elizabeth Young Evans, Kentucky, for East Africa; Robert D. Hardy, Kentucky, and Mavis Shiver Hardy, Alabama, for Hong Kong; and W. Eugene Grubbs, Alabama, and Phyllis Anne Coff-

man Grubbs, Kansas, for Indonesia; Alfred L. Davis, Jr., and Ellen Martin Davis, both of Georgia, for Hong Kong; and Kenneth R. Thompson, Louisiana, and Mary Smith Thomp-

son, Arkansas, for Korea.

A full story on the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Grubbs of Charleston, Miss. was carried in last week's paper.

600 Pay Tribute To Hays

By Caspar Nannes

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BP) — More than 600 friends representing all shades of political affiliation and religious adherence paid tribute here to Rep. Brooks Hays, Democrat of Arkansas, at the Willard Hotel.

The dinner was given for Hays on his leaving Congress after serving 16 years as representative from the fifth district of Arkansas.

It was tendered against a background of headlines today predicting a bitter wrangle in the next Congress over Hays's defeat by Dr. Dale Alford of Little Rock, Ark., in the Nov. 4 election.

A special house election committee a few hours before recommended that Dr. Alford be kept from taking his seat on Jan. 7 until charges of irregularities in the election, won by a last minute write-in campaign, be investigated.

But speakers at the dinner

dwelt more upon the contributions Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, made to Congress and the nation rather than upon the pending political squabble.

Cranford, Keynote

Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church here and a former president of the American Baptist Convention, keynoted the evening's theme by declaring in his invocation "We pray for all men who have a choice between principle and political expediency." Rep. Hays, he said, chose the former course and lost.

Telegrams from Vice President Nixon, Democratic 1952 and 1956 Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson, and Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, among others, emphasized the loss to the nation in Hays's defeat.

Sen. Mike Monroney, Democrat of Oklahoma, told the gathering "We pay tribute to a modern hero who in temporary defeat has won lasting spiritual victory. . . . A pre-fabricated sticker may mutilate a ballot but it can never mutilate his integrity."

"Hays has lost nothing," Sen. Monroney contended. "It is the nation and his colleagues in Congress who are the losers. They have lost a marvellous Christian leader."

Former chairman of the house foreign affairs committee James P. Richards said "There is no disposition to question the right of Arkansas to send whomever it wishes to Congress. . . . I am sorry some people may use Brooks Hays's name and fame for political motives. Hays would never be a party to such a practice. He is charitable to all men."

Evangelist Billy Graham predicted Hays's defeat will give him greater opportunity to serve the nation and greater influence.

Graham Speaks

"I am convinced that this temporary defeat has already been turned into a triumphant victory for Brooks Hays," he asserted. "Because of his exceptionally outstanding ability, Christian character, and qualifications, he has become a world figure. I feel he is destined to play an important role in the

future as we face the many problems that trouble the South and harass the entire world."

Declaring Hays has "The overwhelming support of the people of his denomination," Graham praised the Congressman for keeping to "the middle of the road" rather than yielding to extremists on either side of the integration question.

Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, member of the United States mission to the United Nations, cited Hays's contributions to the international organization and paid tribute to his qualities as a man.

"The country needs Hays's combination of humor and humanity," she said. "Wherever he goes he always leaves an indelible imprint."

Darden Presided

Colgate W. Darden, president of the University of Virginia and former governor of Virginia, presided. He also served in Congress with Hays.

In his reply, the Arkansas Congressman insisted the cause of moderation in the South was not hopeless, despite his defeat. He then pointed out four rules the "just and prudent" should observe in advancing their cause:

1. "An appreciation of what the rule of law means in sustaining our liberties and our

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grandsons. General Gordon, with a small garrison, was besieged in Khartoum in 1884. The British Government had no adequate resources, and fell back upon the good offices of the firm to move a relief force of 18,000 troops, 130,000 tons of stores, and 70 tons of coal from Britain to the beleaguered fort. They did the business with extraordinary success but they were called in too late, and could not arrive in time. Parliament gave them its cordial thanks.

Thos., now 76, whose religious life deepened with age, watched with painful anxiety the progress of this expedition, and was greatly grieved to learn of the tragic death of the devoted Christian General.

Gladstone's Tribute

In 1892, five years after his death at 84, unstinted praise was given to this pioneer of world travel by Gladstone: "Among humanizing agencies of the age, notice is due to a system founded by Cook; and now largely in use under which numbers of people, and indeed, whole classes have for the first time found easy access to foreign countries, and have acquired some of that familiarity with them which breeds not contempt but kindness."

The vast organization which began with the young man who walked to Leicester in June, 1841, has now been nationalized and taken over by the British Transport Commission.

Prayer Service Set For New Year's Eve

DALLAS — (BP) — "More than two million Southern Baptists will begin their 1959 Evangelism Year with special prayers New Year's Eve," said Leonard Sanderson, evangelism secretary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Surveys show that approximately one-fourth of Southern

Baptist church members will take part in the end of year prayer services," said Sanderson.

Next year has been proclaimed a first-time year of simultaneous evangelistic crusades by six major North American Baptist groups. The SBC baptismal goal for the year is 525,000. This is an increase of more than 100,000 over 1958 baptisms.

Eight thousand SBC churches have indicated that they will conduct simultaneous revival services during geographic zone dates of either March 15-29 or April 12-26.

L. M. Pitts Dies In Pontotoc

Luther Martin Pitts died December 2 at the Pontotoc Community Hospital.

The son of the late Jake Pitts and Bessie Grant Pitts, a pioneer preacher, Mr. Pitts was born in Pontotoc County May 7, 1875. He spent most of his life in the Cherry Creek community where he was a successful farmer.

He had been deacon of the Cherry Creek Baptist Church for 40 years and church treasurer for 35 years.

In 1901 he was married to Miss Pernie Ann Caldwell.

Funeral services were conducted December 3 at Cherry Creek Church with his pastor, Rev. R. B. Deline, and a former pastor, Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler of Blue Mountain, officiating. Interment was in Cherry Creek Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Burr Pitts, Cherry Creek; a daughter, Mrs. Roy Reagh, Tupelo; three sisters, Mrs. Etta Mounce, Euru; Mrs. Erna Hardage, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Maggie Lee Wood, Colfax, Texas; a brother, Ben Pitts, Euru; and three grandchildren, Mrs. Dan Goudy, Cherry Creek, and Mary Jo and Bennie Reagh, Tupelo.

Catholic - - -

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of the hospital staff — all Roman Catholics.

The Senator's brothers and sisters and his nephew were as surprised and shocked as the Baptist pastor at the news that the Senator was reputed to have become a Roman Catholic. They were told nothing could be done, presumably because of the Senator's being now under heavy sedation and in a critical condition, until he recovered and was able to renounce his "conversion" to Roman Catholicism.

The Senator, who had lived his whole life as a staunch Protestant and as a faithful Baptist, was buried from the Roman Catholic St. Michel's Cathedral in Sherbrooke.

The Baptist pastor comforted the Senator's broken-hearted brothers and sisters and their families. The Senator had no children. His wife, the former Emilie Couture, who survives him, has been a patient in a Roman Catholic institution for the past five years.

Always A Protestant

If the Baptists of Sherbrooke were surprised and shocked at the Senator's reputed "conversion," it might be well to note, to the credit of a great many Roman Catholic lay people, that they were incensed concerning the whole affair. They felt it did not reflect well upon their church or its clergy.

The man who was sent to remove the Senator's grave stone from the Protestant cemetery to place it in the Roman Catholic cemetery said: "This ought never to be. The Senator was a Protestant all his life and he died a Protestant."

Our sympathy is extended to the Senator's family and to his friends in the Baptist church at Sherbrooke and the Baptist schools in which he had a life-long interest. We have nothing to say concerning the Roman Catholics of St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, except that it is not likely that they would have been so zealous to convert a dying Protestant, who was under heavy sedation, right after he had received communion from his own pastor, had he not been a man of such great prominence and such great wealth.

This incident will surely discourage other Protestants from patronizing Roman Catholic institutions.

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Southwestern Pastors' Conference Set

Expository preaching and expository Bible studies will be the heart of the third annual Pastors' Conference to be held June 22-26 at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

The program of Bible study, preaching, worship, conferences, and fellowship has been

designed to serve as a "refreshing course" for pastors. Sessions will be held in the air-conditioned Preaching Chapel of Scarborough Hall.

By popular request, two Bible study periods have been planned. Dr. Ray Summers, professor of New Testament, will open the program each day with the

New Testament studies. Dr. Ralph L. Smith, professor of Old Testament, will lead the Old Testament studies, using the book of Haggai and emphasizing Haggai the preacher.

Special Study
Each morning session will close with a special study of expository preaching under direc-

tion of Dr. Jesse Northcutt, Dean of the School of Theology and professor of Preaching.

The program will be undergirded with inspirational preaching, a daily conference, and the best in church music. A copy of the program can be secured by writing to Dr. C. W. Scudder, professor of

Christian Ethics, Southwestern Seminary, Box 22000, Fort Worth 15, Texas. There is no registration fee.

Pastors are urged to make early housing reservations by contacting Mr. Morris A. Haynes, Housing Superintendent, Southwestern Seminary, Box 22000, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

Newsweek Magazine Reports "Televangelism" To Nation

The nation's secular press has again shown interest in the new evangelistic effort by television. "Televangelism 1959" which opens January 4th. Recently the nation's two news-wire-services, the A.P. and the U.P.I., reported on the coming program.

Now, NEWSWEEK, the national news magazine with a circulation of more than 1 1/4 million, has reported on "Televangelism" in the December 8th issue. Headed, "Now Televangelism" the article is featured as the "lead story" in the Religion department of the magazine and covers approximately half of the page devoted to that section.

The first nation-wide, co-operative evangelistic effort ever based on television, "Televangelism 1959" opens Sunday, January 4th. It inaugurates a new, modern method designed to lead a great spiritual revival involving Baptists of all six major Conventions of North America.

Catches Interest

The method, catch the interest of the unchurched television viewer with a good, dramatic story that deals with a serious modern-day problem. Awaken his heart and conscience with this dramatic illustration, showing him that the message of Christ can help him solve his daily living problems and lead him to new happiness. Then add the personal witness of a Christian to assure that unchurched viewer of the blessings of accepting Christ, and to lead him to the guidance of church life.

This is the heart of "Televangelism 1959", presenting 13 new dramas in the nationally known television series "This Is The Answer". For 13 Sundays beginning January 4th, the new television dramas will be presented on key stations throughout the nation. Through the cooperation of the six Conventions, Baptists in those areas will hold "viewing parties" in their homes. They will invite unchurched friends and acquaintances to join them in viewing the drama, and discussing the Christian message; or they will at least 100,000 new Christians. This new concept... "Televangelism 1959" launches the 5-year Baptist Jubilee Advance and prepares the ground for the spring's Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusades. Cooperating in this first joint effort since 1845 are: Southern Baptist Convention; American Baptist Convention; National Baptist Convention of America; National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.; Canadian Baptist Convention; North American Baptist General Conference.

Home Board Cooperation

Coordinating activities for "Televangelism 1959" is the Evangelism Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Materials to participating churches and Association committees in the TV cities are provided by the Radio-TV Commission. Materials offer suggestions to congregation members to guide them in the home viewing parties and follow-through in

personal witnessing.

The television series "This Is The Answer" is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission under the supervision of Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director. Dramatic films are made in Hollywood without writing, acting and production talent, and are based on well-known passages or parables from the Bible.

Purpose of the series, states Dr. Stevens, is to demonstrate to the unchurched that the timeless Christian message of the Scripture is perfectly relevant

Hattiesburg Church Presents Cantata

On Wednesday evening, December 17, Immanuel Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, presented the 93 voices of its combined choirs in a Christmas cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem" by Bernard Hamblen. The program was opened with the reading of scripture and prayer by the pastor, C. B. Hamlet, III.

Narrations by Buck Ward were given as each part of the Christmas story was told by the choirs, and as the story in song progressed, specially prepared murals were displayed above the choirs from the baptistry which was flooded with colored lights.

Five Choirs

In addition to the numbers by the five choirs singing both individually and in combination, there were solos by Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, Mrs. Carl Edwards, and Mrs. Herman Andrews. From the various ensembles in the Music Department the ladies sextet from the Church Choir (Mrs. A. G. English, Mrs. Bill Latham, Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, Mrs. James Hagler, Mrs. Herman Andrews, Mrs. Bob Alston) and the mixed quartet from the Chapel Choir (June Pettus, Louise Bass, Ron Stewart, Louis Rea) also participated in the program.

Bill Latham, Minister of Music, conducted.

Mt. Pleasant Goes Full-Time

The Mt. Pleasant Church, Amite County, has made progress in the short time Rev. Marvin Crimm has been their pastor.

"He is making us a good pastor," Mrs. Curtis Rollins reports, "and we have gone from half time to full time. We have had six new members added by letter and one by baptism. We are real glad the Lord sent him our way."

Weekly Televangelism Schedule

Hattiesburg, Miss.	12:30 p.m., Sunday	WDAM-TV
Meridian, Miss.	4:00 p.m., Saturday	WTOK-TV
New Orleans, La.	2:30 p.m., Sunday	WWL-TV
Baton Rouge, La.	(no time confirmed)	WBZ-TV

to their own problems of living today. Television drama, he points out, is a way to attract the attention of the unchurched who would probably avoid a "preachy" religious program.

Tchula Building Drive Successful

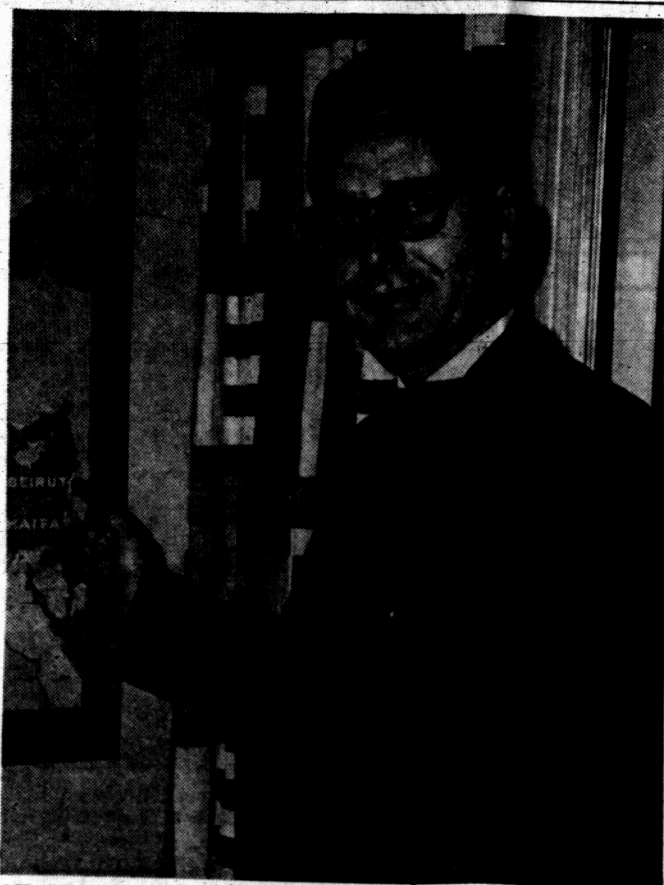
The Tchula Church had a special Building Fund Drive December 7. The Sunday School made this high attendance day and had 199 in Sunday School. The Sunday School offering went for the support of the budget of the church.

The Building Fund offering at the morning service was \$3,625.00. Following the service the church served a turkey dinner to all present. 301 plates were served.

The church recently voted to build a new pastorium and hopes to get started on this at an early date. Rev. Roy D. Radin is the pastor.

On Turtles

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—A Roman Catholic teaching nun has been given a \$1,500 fellowship to further her research into the question of why sea turtles don't grow old.



AT SEA—Mr. John R. Couch, formerly of 117 North Green, Tupelo, Mississippi, sailed recently from New York aboard S. S. EXCAMBION of American Export Lines to the middle-East where he will assume missionary duties for the next five years in Ajloun, Jordan. Mr. Couch points to map in room aboard ship to spot where he will debark in Eastern Mediterranean.



STUFFING SANTA'S BAG with gifts for tuberculosis patients at the Veteran's Hospital are a group of students who attended the City-Wide Baptist Student Union Christmas party December 16 at First Church, Jackson. Standing left to right are Doris Faye Dickerson, Jackson; John Sharp Gatewood, Mt. Olive; Santa Claus (Joe Jack Hurst); Mrs. Joe Jack Hurst; Roxanne Cox, Jackson; Linda Cooper, Jackson; Janie Johnson, Mendenhall seated is Elizabeth Ann Clark, Mt. Olive. Kathryn Jasper is Hinds County B. S. U. Director.

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Calvary To Erect Brick Building

Calvary Church, Belmont will begin construction on a new brick building in the beginning weeks of this new year.

Since Rev. Pat D. Howard became pastor of the church November 15, 1957, the church has purchased a pastorium and there have been 40 additions to the membership.

Cloverdale, Natchez Ordains 4 Deacons

Cloverdale Baptist Church of Natchez, Mississippi, ordained four deacons, Dec. 14. They were Marvin Cobb, Charles Godbold, Marion Seyforth and Paul Foster. The ordination completed plans by the church to install the rotating system of deacons.

The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Merritt. The pastor's subject for the occasion was: "A Great Life Without Unusual Gifts."

The prayer was led by W. A. Cauthen, deacon and Sunday School superintendent. Other deacons who shall serve the church with those ordained are: W. A. Cauthen, and Leroy Mullins.



Rev. Joseph N. Triplett

First, Newton Calls Pastor

Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, pastor Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, has resigned to become pastor of the First Church, Newton, succeeding Rev. R. T. B. Leavell, who resigned to accept a pastorate in Tyler, Texas.

Rev. Triplett has served the Blue Mountain church since August of 1954 and prior to that had been pastor for seven years at Marion, Alabama.

He is a native of Winston County, Miss. and holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and the Th. M. from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Triplett was the former Charlotte Van Landingham of West Point. They have two children, Rod, a high school senior, and Temple, in grammar school.

Rev. Triplett has been active in denominational affairs and the work at Blue Mountain has shown steady progress during his pastorate.

THE BAPTIST RECORD
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Rural Church Changing

NASHVILLE — (BP) — "The rural church has changed, as has the pastor's role; and it is caused by the changing times, the changing people, and the changing church."

Lee Gallman, Jackson, Miss., director of seminary extension department for Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries, and speaking to the Promotion Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention here, continued, "The changing times include communications, transportation, new and different communities, education, and the change to a centralized government which has brought us to the door of socialism."

Gallman stated that people are better informed generally, but are illiterate about the Bible. They are older, well traveled, more secular; they are more religious, but less Christian.

Success Formula

In discussing the changing church, he said, "There is a tendency toward sameness, and the local church fears censure from the denomination. To find out what Baptists believe, you don't ask Baptists, but you read denominational literature."



THIS OLD HOUSE—Though he disapproves of his mother's boarding house, successful young businessman Joe Harper (center) finds a romantic attraction in the arrival of mysterious Mary Thompson, as "star boarder" Charlie Benson watches with interest. Scene is from the complete dramatic episode on hypocrisy, titled "This Old House", in the television series "This Is The Answer" produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Harper is played by Dan Barton, Mary Thompson by Sally Fraser, and Benson by Dick Elliott.

Baptist Briefs

WHEATON, Ill. (RNS)—More than 100 million persons witnessed Billy Graham's evangelistic crusades in San Francisco and Charlotte meeting of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association board.

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The resignation of its director of adult work in the Training Union department was accepted at the December meeting of the executive board of Tennessee Baptist Convention here.

DALLAS — (AP) — Mexico Baptists have appointed missionary Ervin E. Hasty to a new position as promoter of evangelism beginning Jan. 1, 1959.

FORT WORTH — (BP)—R. Paul Green, director of the Baptist Hour Choir since 1955, has resigned that position to become professor of conducting and choral activities at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

ALEXANDRIA, La. — (BP)—The executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention in its December meeting here, passed a resolution calling on Gov. Earl Long and John Nick Brown, superintendent of state police, to enforce anti-gambling laws in Louisiana.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BPN)—Broadman Press of Nashville, Tennessee, will celebrate Southern Baptist Seminary's one-hundredth birthday this year by publishing the story of the denomination's oldest of six seminaries. The book, "A History of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary," is by Dr. William A. Mueller, professor of philosophy of religion at the school.

DALLAS — (BP) — More than half a million Texas Baptists will pause during their New Year's Eve church services to hear an evangelism prayer appeal program broadcast simultaneously by 19 radio stations in the state.

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1958... "The Moving Finger Writes; and, Having Writ, Moves On"... 1959

by W. C. Fields, Editor

Time goes along its silent, ceaseless way. The years are all undivided. Their changing is unmarked—except by us mortals. We ring the bells and fire the guns. But Time, that tireless despot, moves right through New Year's Eve without a moment's pause.

And almost as soon as Tomorrow becomes Today it is already Yesterday. 1958 A. D. was like that.

And now it is gone. Forever gone! It was quite a year.

WORDS. Sputnik, recession, Vanguard, brinksmanship, Atlas, devaluation, moderate, Volkswagen, hula hoop.

NAMES. Bernard Goldfine and Werner von Braun, Charles De Gaulle and U Nu, Brigitte Bardot and Van Cliburn, Mary Ann Mobley and Billy Cannon.

THE WORLD. A lot of war and rumors of war. Tunisia, Indonesia, Quemoy and Matsu, Lebanon and Iraq, and Berlin. Always Berlin.

Yet in spite of all of this pig-sticking, blood-letting, brain-busting fratricide there are 47,000,000 more of us in the human family than a year ago.

THE USA. Rocked along. Became one state larger. Like everything else, church membership was up: 104,000,000. A record. These folks laid out \$865,000,000 for church buildings. Matched peak year of 1957.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS. Crossed the 9,000,000 mark. More baptisms, bigger gifts. Full story to be released shortly.

Houston convention authorized biggest program-streamlining job since 1945. Fifteen of the thirty-eight recommendations on reorganization were referred back for another year's simmering.

Congressman Brooks Hays was re-elected president of the convention, defeated for reelection to Congress, turned over-night into a well-known, much-discussed public figure at home and abroad. By all odds he was the year's most newsworthy Baptist.

Running a close second in the newspaper galley race, however, was Edwin T. Dahlberg, a St. Louis Baptist pastor whose church has dual affiliation with both American and Southern Conventions. He was elected president of the National Council of Churches, an event that has been treated with studied indifference by Southern brethren.

The first Southern Baptist church was established in Greater New York City. The tide moved a little closer to New England, the only section of the nation without Southern Baptist churches.

A team of Baptist doctors traveled around the world and established the year's top achievement in good will.

More than 8,000 boys flocked to Ft. Worth for a Texas-size Royal Ambassador Congress. Their older brothers and sisters mingled with Baptist young people from 67 other nations at the Fifth Baptist Youth World Congress in Toronto.

Seminaries were in the news. Administrative troubles at Southern kept the school on the front page. Even so, enrolment is about

as high as last year. Robert Naylor was inaugurated president at Southeastern replacing Howard Williams who died. Leo Eddleman was elected president at New Orleans succeeding Roland Q. Leavell who retired. Southeastern became fully accredited. Golden Gate campus was under construction at Strawberry Point at San Francisco Bay, and Midwestern opened its doors for its first class of students.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS. A good year for us.

Progress on all sides. Baptism up. Gifts through the Cooperative Program up. Both influenced by the Forward Program of Church Finance.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program reached \$2,025,391.84 for the convention year. Convention Board—continuing to work in a marvelous spirit of accord—led the convention in adopting a \$2,275,000 budget for 1959.

Executive Secretary Chester L. Quarles was elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, becoming the third Mississippian in a row to serve as SBC vice president. Previous ones: Douglas Hudgins of Jackson and the late Deb Lee Stennis of Meridian.

William Carey College received its accreditation. Clarke Memorial College observed its Golden Anniversary, and Blue Mountain was in its 85th year. Mississippi College, under the leadership of President R. A. McLemore, gathered momentum at the close of the year for an ambitious and promising \$1,100,000 Development Program.

During the year The Baptist Record put into the hands of the Baptist people of Mississippi over 200,000 lbs. of prime news affecting their faith and life. Every board, institution, agency, department, plus many of the groups, organizations, programs, activities and interests were featured. It was our purpose and our hope to keep you informed of all the significant currents and cross-currents in the state, nation, and the world as they bear on the New Testament Christianity we Mississippi Baptists have espoused.

TOP STORIES. 1. Abroad generally, the leading religious news of the year was the death of Pope Pius XII and the ascension of Pope John XXIII to the Catholic Kingdom's throne at Rome.

2. Among Southern Baptists, the top news story of the year was the embarrassing, heart-sickening affair at Southern Seminary which led to the firing of thirteen professors—and which seems to keep going on and on like some terrible nightmare.

3. Among many fine stories in Mississippi Baptist life during the year we cast our vote for the one headed, "First Time: \$2,000,000 Given Thru the Cooperative Program!"

FINIS. And now 1958 is no more!

It was, indeed, quite a year.

Some of it was good. Some of it was bad.

"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, moves on; nor all your Piety nor Wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

But, then, there is the good Year of Our Lord 1959 ahead of us...

EDITORIAL PAGE

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W. C. FIELDS, Editor

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Thursday, Jan. 1, 1959

New Field Representative

With the first of the new year Dr. E. C. Williams begins a part-time responsibility with The Baptist Record as field representative.

In this capacity he will devote his energies to increasing the circulation of the paper.

We are especially happy to welcome him to the staff. His many friends over the state and the Southern Baptist Convention have expressed gratitude over the fact that his valuable services will continue among Mississippi Baptists.

Dr. Williams, though officially "retired," is vigorous and strong. His 34 years of service to Mississippi Baptists, 20 years as state Sunday School Secretary, have provided him with a vast store of experience, acquaintance, and understanding.

As he uses his marvelous background to extend the influence of the state paper, he will be strengthening all that he has worked for during these years and all the causes that Mississippi Baptists support.

He will be visiting with pastors and church leaders enlisting every church in the Every Family Plan.

He will work closely with Associate Editor Joe Abrams, who is in charge of circulation, seeking to place The Baptist Record in every Baptist home in the state.

No man has made a greater contribution to Mississippi Baptist life than E. C. Williams. He will be contacting your church about the paper, an agency that is of the utmost importance to all that Mississippi Baptists are attempting to do for Christ.

We know you and the members of your church will give him a good reception when he calls on you.

Teenage Thinking

American youngsters may not be mature in their thinking but you can be sure of one thing: there is no way to be sure of what they are thinking!

Purdue University sampled the opinions of 18,000 high school students. The information has gone into a new book, "The American Teenager" (Bobs Merrill Co.).

According to the poll 83 percent of today's teenagers okay wiretapping. Sixty percent go for censorship of books, newspapers, and magazines. Fifty-eight percent see no harm in the third degree.

Over half of the youngsters questioned "think the large mass of us in the United States simply aren't capable of deciding for ourselves what's right and what's wrong."

Maybe that's why parents are still necessary!

Going to the Dogs?

One writer, deeply disturbed by youthful misbehavior in his community, wrote this severe indictment:

"Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, glibly their food, and tyrannize their teachers."

These are the words of Socrates. He lived five centuries before Christ.

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

A London paper offered a prize for the best definition of money. This was the winning answer: "Money is an instrument that can buy you everything but happiness and pay your fare to every place but heaven."

Jesus Christ is no security against storms, but He is perfect security in storms.

Quarrels in marriage often begin when a man is so losing his salt that he forgets his sugar.—Cy N.

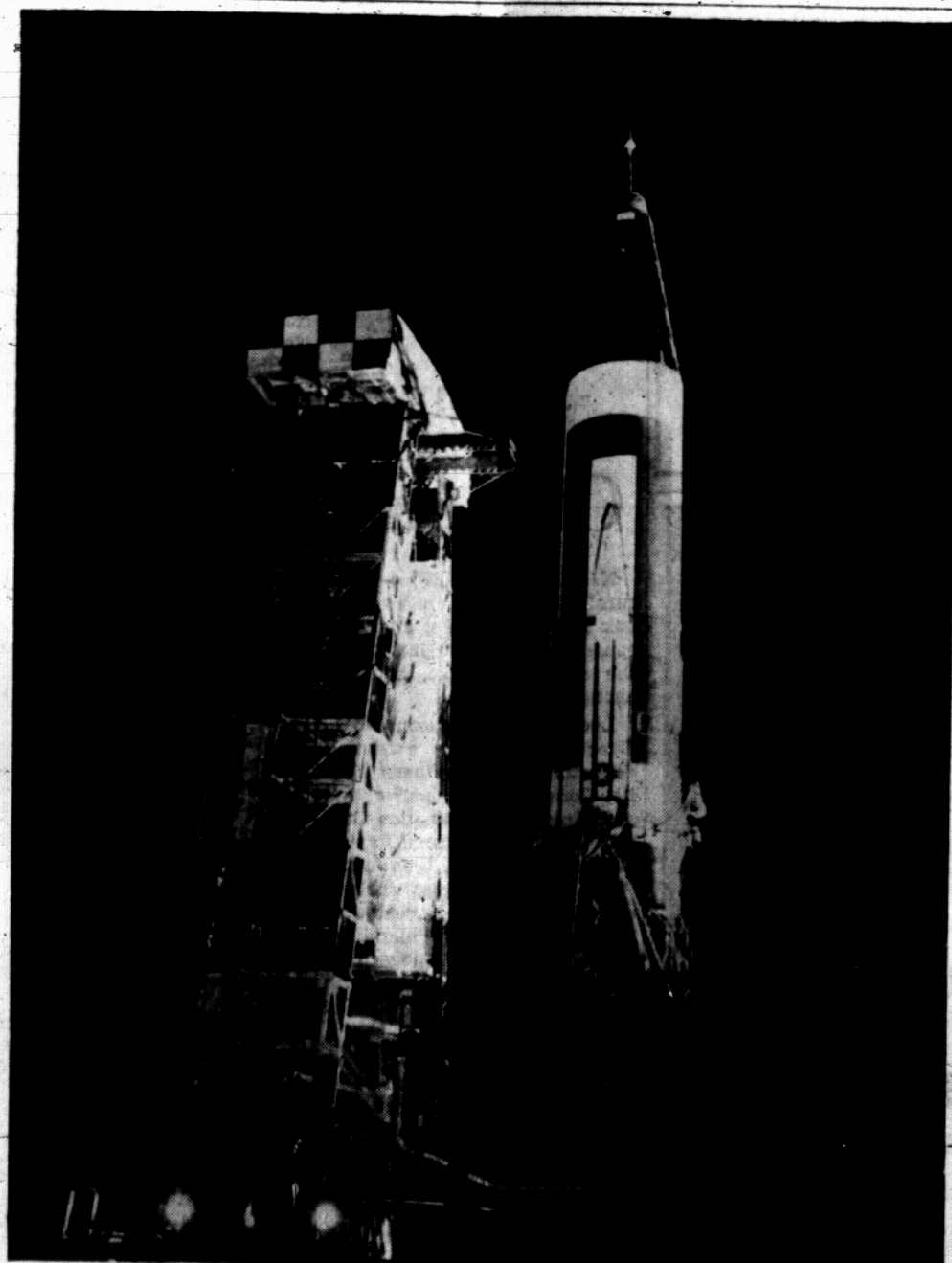


BEST VIEW OF THE NEW YEAR

High School age is when boys notice that girls notice boys who notice girls.—Kokomo Tribune.

Formula for contentment: Just think how happy you'd be if you lost everything you have right now—and then got it back again.—Leonard M. Leonard.

The most untameable thing in the world has its den just back of the teeth.



THE MIGHTY ATLAS—Down through the long procession of countdowns stands an Atlas ICBM at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Floodlights illuminate the huge missile's stainless skin. In closing days of 1958 this missile rose in a blaze of hallowing flame. The largest satellite (four tons) ever to circle the earth, the Atlas makes its round trip about every 100 minutes. It represents one of the most dramatic events linking the old year with the new.—Convair Photo.

The Baptist Forum

Accreditation

I am very grateful to you for the very fine way in which you publicized the recent announcement of the accreditation of William Carey College.

The full accreditation of our school means much in the development of our program here. We feel that we are now in a position to accomplish many additional objectives.

J. Ralph Noonkester
President
William Carey College
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Good Authority

Enclosed you will find a check for \$2.00 for which I would like to receive your Mississippi state paper.

I have been told by good authority, Marshall Mines, Superintendent of the City Missions, San Francisco, recently from Florida, that your paper is the best in the convention.

T. J. Dubose
Supt. of Missions
Vallejo, Calif.

Alien Report

It will be very much appreciated if you will assist in pub-

licizing the Allen Address Report Program for the year 1959. There are enclosed suggested press releases which we hope you will be able to publish during the month of January. As you know, there are severe penalties for aliens in the United States who fail to report their addresses during the month of January, and it is our hope to get this message to all in time in order that they may comply.

C. W. Johnson
District Director
Immigration Service
New Orleans

Are Glad They Went

It has been our desire to write many of you Mississippians but sometimes time seems to fly away and many of our plans never materialize.

Today we received four copies of the Baptist Record, dating back to October. We appreciate our church sending it to us and read every word of it. It has been one of the busiest and hardest times we have had during our eight years of happy service here.

Recently we were holding a street service surrounding some idols. After much explanation to our five-year-old daughter she said, "Mama, I'm glad we came to tell the people here about Jesus." She spoke the feeling of our entire family.

May the coming year be filled with the good things you seek and desire—not only for you, but for those you love as well.

Joyce, Ralph, Nan, and David Davis
Box 5
Port Harcourt
Nigeria, West Africa

Calendar of Prayer

January 1 — Dr. J. W. Lee, Mississippi College faculty.

January 2 — Dr. Gertrude Lippert, Mississippi College faculty.

January 3 — Mrs. Elton Moore, missionary to Indonesia, now on furlough.

January 4 — W. P. Young Jones Associational Missionary.

January 5 — Curtis Miller, Mississippi Associational Sunday School Supt.

January 6 — R. V. Breakfield, Marion Associational Music Director.

January 7 — Jerry Johnston, B. S. U. Director, East Central Junior College.

January 8 — Zach Moak, Lincoln Associational Brotherhood President; J. G. Wharton, Lowndes Associational Brotherhood President.

January 9 — Mrs. H. W. Clinton, Baptist Building; Mrs. Van Cotton, Baptist Building.

January 10 — A. H. Thorpe, Lauderdale Associational Training Union Director; Mrs. Virginia Sumrall, Lamar Associational Training Union Director.

January 11 — H. H. Ward, Atlanta Associational Missionary; Dr. Lillian Weidenhammer, William Carey College faculty.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
(Author of "For Our Age of Anxiety. Available at Your Baptist Book Store")

Married An Alcoholic

QUESTION: I married a man at 14 and did not know at that time that he was a drunkard. I had very little education and was dumb. We had a baby every three years until I had nine children. He grew worse, and would curse and threaten to kill all of us when he was drunk. Often I would stay in the woods all night out of fear.

After 30 years I separated from him and turned to God. He is still the same, yet he promises to do better if I will take him back. I have gone back several times but it is always the same. I want to help save his soul but don't know what else to do. Have you any suggestions? I am now 60 years of age and will never marry again.

ANSWER: Drop this man like a hot potato. Many alcoholics cannot be helped and that is all there is to it. I would certainly never go back to this man until he has had a year or two of complete sobriety. Then I would want to know whether or not he has really turned to God.

You have had enough trouble in life. Living with an alcoholic is like living under perpetual threat of a tornado. My advice is to look to the future and never look back. "God hath called us to peace." (1 Cor. 7:15)

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47 Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

NASHVILLE — (BP). — Sterling L. Price, pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., has accepted a call to become pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. He succeeds Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, who retired and now lives in Berkeley Calif. Price is a former president of the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Nalerigu Hospital Has Successful Opening

NALERIGU, Ghana — (BWA) — In the first six weeks following its dedication, the Baptist hospital here registered 1,700 outpatients, who made some 4,000 visits.

Lack of staff had delayed the use of the hospital wards but Dr. George M. Faile, Jr., who led in the beginning of medical work in this section of the Northern Territories of Ghana, has now been joined by Dr.

Shelby W. Vance. Additional staff consists of two Nigerian Baptist nurses, a clerk, and a new group of student ward attendants.

"We urgently need doctors, nurses, a laboratory technician, a pharmacist, an administrator, midwives, linguistic specialists, and evangelists," writes Dr. Faile.

A member of Prime Minister

Kwame Nkrumah's cabinet, speaking at the dedication service, expressed appreciation for the work of missions in the field of medicine and commented on the uniqueness of the Baptist position of refusing government help. The king of the Mamprusi, chief tribe of that section, urged his people to accept treatment from the hospital workers.

Allen To Teach On Radio

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, Nashville, editorial secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board, will teach the International Sunday School Lesson each week on 79 radio stations in 19 states beginning Jan. 3, 1959. This program is aired in most places on Saturday.

The International Sunday School Lesson, a 15-minute program produced by the Southern

Baptist Radio-TV Commission, is distributed by tape transcription.

Southern Graduate

Dr. Allen is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary. He held pastorates in Kentucky and North Carolina prior to joining the Board in 1937. He became editorial secretary in 1945 and has been active in helping formu-

late the over-all editorial policy of the organization.

Dr. Allen continues study and writing in the area of the International Sunday School Lesson and has for several years appeared both on radio and television in Nashville. He also serves as secretary of the Commission on Bible study and membership training for the Baptist World Alliance.

Net Enrolment Shows Gain

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Net enrolments at Southern Baptist Convention seminaries and at Baptist-related colleges and universities totalled over 37,000 as of Oct. 1, the office of the Convention's Education Commis-

sion here announced.

This was a gain of about 1,000 over the previous Oct. 1 report.

Net enrolment total for seminaries decreased slightly. The total a year ago was 5,118. It was 4,976 on last Oct. 1.

On the other hand, enrolment showed a slight increase at colleges and universities. Total net figures as of last Oct. 1 were 32,136 compared with 30,830 a year ago.

Cornett's Successor Sought

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The administrative committee of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, has accepted the resignation of R. Orin Cornett as executive secretary and set up a nominating committee to find his successor.

Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., is Commission chairman.

Meeting to act for the whole Commission on the resignation which Cornett tendered upon his selection for a position in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, the committee "reluctantly agreed to release Dr. Cornett and expressed deep appreciation for the outstanding job which he has done as secretary."

The resignation is effective Jan. 1, the date that marks the end of Cornett's eighth year as secretary. He has been the Commission's first full-time secretary.

Five members of the Commission were named to serve as a nominating committee. They are: G. Earl Guin, Pineville, La., chairman; Warren F.

Jones, Jackson, Tenn.; J. A. Barry, Hartsville, S. C.; W. Forbes Yarbrough, Shawnee, Okla.; and W. A. Carleton, Berkeley, Calif.

BAPTISTS PREFER SIMPLICITY IN BUILDING MEETINGHOUSES

RICHMOND, Va., January 1810 — (BP) — The character of Baptists, a rugged people of simple tastes, is clearly reflected today in their houses of worship. Scattered from the seaports of the Atlantic to the frontier, Baptist meetinghouses usually are bare and plain.

The Baptist meetinghouse of the frontier is a log cabin, of course, small and crude. While these places of worship are unpretentious, they often are a monument to the zeal of the traveling Baptist evangelist of the frontier and his small congregation.

No Fireplaces

Wind whistles through the cracks of these cabins, and few of them have fireplaces. Women frequently take foot warmers with them to church during the winter to ward off numbness during services.

Frontier meetinghouses often are located near a prominent family in the settlement in the hope that the prosperous settler will keep the building in good repair. If the church falls into disrepair and help from the settler is not forthcoming, a new building may be erected nearer to a more generous member.

Baptist churches of the villages are only slightly less plain. Sometimes several denominations share the same

building, or the place of worship may be used during the week as a warehouse or store.

Frequently Baptist churches are found on the outskirts of small towns because the property was given to the church. Sometimes this "generosity" is designed to enhance the value of surrounding real estate.

Whitewashed

Seldom do Baptists congregations spend money for stained glass, or other ornamentation. If the outside of the church is painted and the interior is whitewashed, little other embellishment is considered desirable.

Even in larger churches, carpets and cushions are rare. Pews usually are crude, but in some churches the seats raise up to accommodate the worshiper as he stands for prayer. All goes well until the congregation is seated, which sometimes is accompanied by the clattering and banging of seats.

Baptist churches in some of the prominent cities are more imposing, but seldom is as much as \$25,000 spent to construct a place of worship.

In larger churches there is sometimes found the family pew. These are occupied by wealthier members and may be elaborately finished to the taste of the owner. Several of

Pages

From The Past

50 Years Ago

Pastor J. E. Willis of First Church, McComb, returns from Richmond, Virginia, to announce that he has been approved to go as a missionary to Shanghai, China, sailing Jan. 16, 1909.

The Welman Church, Lincoln County, was organized on the 3rd Sunday in July, 1908, with 19 charter members, under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Schults. Assisting in the organization were two brother preachers, George and Will Darling.

The Fayette Church, Jefferson County, was organized in 1908 under leadership of State Board Missionary, Rev. D. R. Purser Jr. and Pastor John A. Held of Wall Street (now First Baptist) Church, Natchez.

A Mission sponsored by the Natchez church was organized in 1908 into a separate Baptist Church and named Rowe Baptist Church for Secretary A. V. Rowe of the Convention Board which had purchased the property of the former Wesley Chapel for the use of the infant church.

40 Years Ago

Rev. W. C. Tyree of Greenwood, president of the Board of Trustees of the George Memorial Home on the Cotesworth Plantation, announced that it would open on January 1, 1919 for the old retired Baptist preachers of Mississippi. It was to be under the management of a Mr. Mohead, and the Home would be sufficient to take care of as many as eight old preachers at one time. (Will someone reading tell us what came of this project?)

25 Years Ago

On Sunday, November 26, 1933 at Polkville Baptist Church, Smith County, an all day celebration of Brother Dan W. Moulder's 66th birthday and 25 anniversary of his pastorate, of this church was held when many friends from far and near came together to pay tribute to this Veteran Soldier of the cross. All of the eleven churches which he was then serving as pastor had representatives present, amounting to 566 in all, besides many, many others, including twelve preachers.

A tell-tale: "A preacher, at the close of one of his sermons, said: 'Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up.' Instantly every person present stood up, except one person. The preacher seated them. Said: 'Now, every man not paying his debts stand up.' The careworn, hungry-looking individual clothed in a last summer suit assumed a perpendicular position. How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only man not meeting his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren who stood up are my subscribers, and . . ." — Ex.

these in a church, each finished in distinctive style, give the place of worship a patchwork appearance.

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BROTHERHOODS ORGANIZED

Men enlisted, challenged, and utilized in the work of the church is the purpose of the Baptist Brotherhood. Much power

is lost in the program of the church when the men are not at work. The Baptist Brotherhood is no longer in the testing stage for it has proven itself of great value to the life of the church.

NEW CHURCH BROTHERHOODS

September 1958 - November, 1958

Church	Pastor	Brotherhood President
Camp Creek	Rev. L. C. Riley	Mr. Phil H. Marson
Easthaven	Rev. Robert E. Wall	Mr. Joe Sharpe
Beulah	Rev. S. C. Smith	Mr. Milton W. Harrison
Logtown	Rev. Robert Rogers	Rev. Robert Rogers
Center Hill	Rev. H. W. Harris	Mr. William Mobley
Nesbit	Rev. J. C. Redding	Rev. L. L. Teague
Salem	Rev. James E. Walker	Mr. Ozelle VanDevender
Leakesville		
(Young Men's)	Rev. R. E. Buckley	Mr. C. R. Rials
Cherry Creek	Rev. R. B. Delane	Mr. J. F. Parrish
Falkner	Rev. Clark Rakestraw	Mr. A. P. Posey

Write to the Brotherhood Department if you need assistance in organizing the Brotherhood work of your church.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1959

THE BAPTIST RECORD 5



Rev. Eliezer C. de Oliveira, of Rio de Janeiro, points to location of church where he is pastor on map of South America, in Baptist Building, Jackson, while his son, Evio, (at left) and daughter, Miss Edile C., look on, along with Rev. V. C. Windham, (at right) pastor of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg.

Brazilian Pastor In U. S. For Six-Month Visit

Rev. Eliezer C. de Oliveira, pastor of Catete Baptist Church in the heart of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is on a six-month visit to this country and is available for revivals, supply work or any phase of mission emphasis.

All honoraria received by him will go to the work of his church, according to Rev. V. C. Windham, pastor of 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, where Rev. Oliveira is making his headquarters and where he can be reached.

He is being accompanied on his visit by one of his daughters, Miss Edile C. de Oliveira.

Membership of 180

Evio C. de Oliveira, son of Rev. de Oliveira, is minister of music and education at 38th Avenue Church and a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. de Oliveira's father was converted by missionary Solomon, Guinsburg, pioneer in the Baptist work in Brazil.

The Catete Church has a membership of 180. The church has its services in a rented building which now is too small for the congregation. Any financial help that Rev. Eliezer will get here will go for the building fund of the church.

In case the proprietor of the building where the church meets decides to sell it or demolish for a bigger commercial

building, the church has to go according to the Brazilian law, somewhere within 6 months, ac-

Rev. de Oliveira stated.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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PERRY CHURCH CHANGES NAME

Kennedy Memorial Church in Perry County has changed its name to Memorial Church.

The pastor, Rev. A. R. Miller, states that "the church is grateful to the Kennedys and to the Gillises for their contributions and untiring efforts in establishing the church" but the members of the church feel that a church of Christ should not be named after any particular mortal man.

Best Sellers

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (RNS) — Religious Christmas cards for the first time outsold traditional, or non-religious, greetings in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas, a spot check of distributors shows.

Home Board Names Missions Secretary

Arthur Rutledge, secretary of stewardship and direct missions in Texas, has been elected director of the Division of Missions by the Home Mission Board.

Under the Home Board's new organization, the missions division has 1,282 missionaries, a budget of over \$2,600,000, with six departments: Language Group Ministries, City Missions, Associational Missions, Pioneer Missions, Work with National Baptists, Survey and Special Studies.

Rutledge will begin his new responsibilities March 1, after almost 20 years of service in Texas, his native state.

Degree From Baylor

Rutledge has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Roys City, Central Baptist Church, San Antonio, and First Baptist Church, Marshall, Texas. He received a B.A. degree from Baylor University, Th.M. De-



gree from Southern Seminary, and a Th. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary. East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, conferred a D.D. degree on him in 1956.

Australians Pray For Rain

SYDNEY, Australia (RNS) — Australians were urged to pray for rain to relieve drought-stricken areas by the Australian Inland Mission.

The call to prayer was issued in nationwide broadcasts which asked that all who believe in God pray "that the God-given rains may come to those areas of the Inland now threatened with the ravages of drought."

In Southwest Queensland alone over 200,000 sheep and cattle have perished in the 2½ year drought.

Better Bargains, Buy Billups



Revival Dates

Note: An announcement in this column may be accompanied by one "thumbnail" engraving. The Baptist Record will secure at cost an engraving for the church if a glossy print photograph is provided.

Memorial (Perry): January 2, 3, 4; Rev. Lawrence Baylot, Carey College, youth revival evangelist Friday and Saturday; Alf Rose, Vicksburg, speaker for Sunday, Jan. 4; music directed by Carey students; Rev. A. R. Miller, pastor.

Natchez, Riverside: Jan. 4-7; Rev. Glyn Wright, Vicksburg, evangelist; Rev. Smith, Meadville, music director; Rev. Marvin Stone, pastor.



Rev. D. L. Byrd

MINISTER ORDAINED

DeVon L. Byrd was ordained to the gospel ministry following the call to the Indian Springs Church as associate pastor. He was ordained by the Beaumont church where he had served as music director.

The ordination followed an examination by a council consisting of twenty-six ministers and deacons.

The ordination program consisted of: "a charge to the candidate" by Dr. Judson Chastain, pastor of the Indian Springs Church; presentation of a Bible, given by the Beaumont Church, by Edgar Dunkley; Sermon by Rev. J. Ray Grissett, host pastor, Prayer by M. J. Byrd, the "Laying On Of Hands" by the Council, and the presentation of an ordination Certificate.

Rev. and Mrs. Byrd live in the Indian Springs Church parsonage at RFD 2, Hattiesburg and attend William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

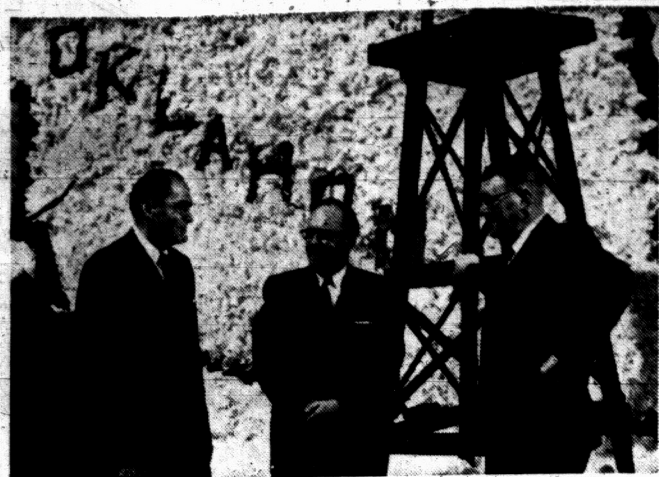


New Pastor Is Called At Ruth

Rev. Lenno Powell has accepted the call as pastor to the Ruth Church, Lincoln County. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and will receive his B.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary in May.

Rev. Powell was formerly pastor at Ellison Ridge Church, Winston Association before coming to Ruth.

Rev. Powell's wife is the former Patsy Kelly of Pensacola, Fla. who is also a Mississippi College graduate and is at present attending the New Orleans Seminary with her husband. The Powells were greeted by the church with a pantry show.



PRODUCTS: The representatives of three colleges get together at the recent Homecoming of Oklahoma Baptist University. Graduates and former student body presidents, Dr. A. Hope Owen, president of Wayland college in Texas, Dr. Roy A. McKnight, vice-president of Baylor University in Texas, and Dr. J. P. Dane, head of OBU's Bible department, talk before one of the Homecoming displays—the state of Oklahoma. The roll call of alumni included one seminary president, three college presidents, two vice-presidents of universities, and outstanding businessmen and doctors, as well as pastors and denominational leaders.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Cauthen Says 1958 Best Year In Baptist Foreign Missions

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told the Board in its last meeting of the year that 1958 has been the best year in the history of Southern Baptist foreign mission work.

He said it has been the best year from the standpoint of missionary appointments. The 24 missionaries appointed at the December meeting brought the total for the year to a new annual high of 137 — seven above the goal.

Dr. Cauthen said 1958 has also been the best year from the standpoint of financial support of foreign missions. A comparison of cash income for January through November, 1958 with the same period in 1957 reveals a 13.02 per cent increase.

Dr. Cauthen said all early reports from the 1958 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering indicate that it will go beyond the 1957 total of \$6,121,585.14.

"This has also been the best year from the standpoint of mission work in the overseas fields," Dr. Cauthen continued. "Missionaries from every area of the world report progress in their work."

"In the appointment of new missionaries we are reminded of the very great value of the foreign mission programs at meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention. A number of the 24 missionaries appointed at the December meeting of the Board testified that their decisions were made in the high hours of foreign mission presentations at the Southern Baptist Convention meetings. This happens repeatedly."

Dr. Cauthen said if present plans materialize the December meeting of the Board is the last to be held in the old headquarters building at 2037 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va. Plans are under way to move to the new building at 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, on January 2.

Dr. Cauthen said: "The construction of the new headquarters building is one of the best missionary investments Southern Baptists have ever made. The work of the Foreign Mission Board has doubled in the last few years and the facilities in the old building have long been outgrown. Due to lack of space it has been impossible to add needed staff members. The result has been that the increasing load of foreign missions has had to be carried by the same staff. The new headquarters building will enable the Foreign Mission Board to strengthen all aspects of its work and to prepare for larger responsibilities which are growing out of increased missionary conviction."

The new headquarters building will be dedicated at the semiannual meeting of the full Board, April 7-8. The new address is: 3806 Monument Avenue, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond 30, Va.

Board Provides for Liaison With Baptists of Portugal

At its December meeting the Foreign Mission Board asked Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, veteran missionaries under appointment to Brazil, to be its fraternal representatives to the Baptists of Portugal. In this capacity they will serve as liaison persons between the Foreign Mission Board and the Portuguese Baptist Convention. The Board's action came after careful study of urgent re-

quests from the Portuguese Baptist Convention and the Brazilian Baptist Convention that Southern Baptists enter Portugal. (Baptist work in Portugal is the product of the foreign mission work of Brazilian Baptists; but the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board has been forced to reduce its assistance.)

"The appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree as fraternal representatives to Portuguese Baptists does not necessarily indicate that the Foreign Mission Board is entering Portugal on a definite permanent basis as a new mission field," commented Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East. "They will make a full investigation of the situation among the Baptists of Portugal; and, on the basis of their reports, the Board will be in a position to decide concerning the desirability of expanding its aid to Portuguese Baptists."

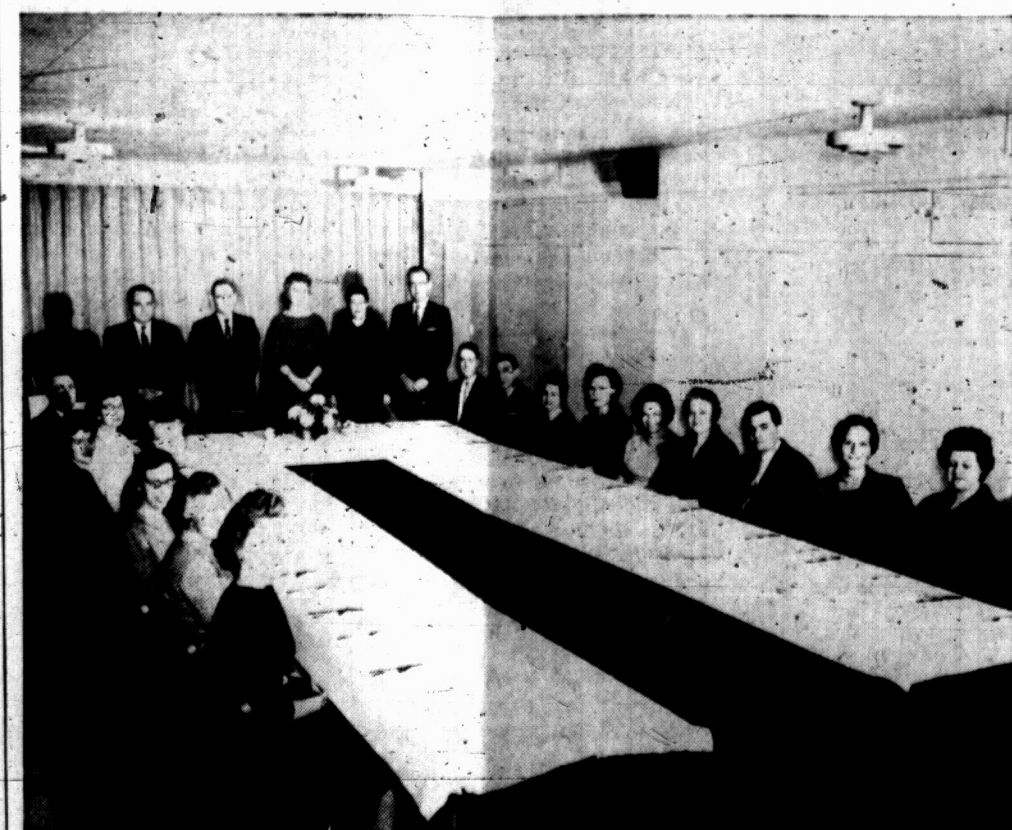
Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree have had 37 years' experience as Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil. Appointed in 1921, they served in Rio de Janeiro, where Dr. Crabtree was professor of theology and president of the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, pastor of the Tijuca Baptist Church, and editor of periodical literature for the Baptist publishing house of Brazil.

Since 1954 Dr. and Mrs. Crabtree have been in the States on an extended furlough while Dr. Crabtree has been writing books for the Baptist publishing house of Brazil. He is the author of 10 books in the Portuguese language.

Religious Liberty Victory In Italian Court Decision

In his report to the Board Dr. Goerner said a recent ruling of the Constitutional High Court of Italy is hailed as a significant victory for religious liberty in that country. The Court is a 15-man tribunal modeled after the Supreme Court of the United States.

Dr. Goerner said: "On November 24, 1958, the Court passed down a historic decision when



THE STAFF AND STAFF COMMITTEE of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, held its annual supper meeting on December 8 at the church. The staff committee is elected annually to study relationships among staff members and between the staff and the church. Left to right above are Mrs. Patrick H. Jones, Mrs. L. J. Wilcox, Mrs. Paul Harrell, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Mrs. Pete Sibley, Mrs. W. F. Fell, Dr. Lewis Rhodes, pastor, Mrs. Paul Davis, Charles A. Carter, Mrs. Paul Grantham, Mrs. Ed Henderson, Walter Martin, Charles Tidwell, Dr. William M. Suttle, Mrs. Donald M. Dockery III, Mrs. Earl Page, Mrs. Donald Creekmore, Mrs. C. S. Sykes, Paul Hancock, Mrs. E. J. Miller, and Mrs. E. H. Kenna.

Oklahoma Baptist Hospital First To Get Loan From Hill-Burton

OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP)—Baptist Memorial Hospital of Oklahoma City is the first hospital in the nation to receive a government loan under new provisions of the Hill-Burton Act, Baptist leaders here reported.

The hospital, expected to open early in 1959, will receive a 40-year, \$500,000 loan from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, an agency of the federal government.

The loan carries a 3½ per cent interest rate. The interest rate includes the cost of servicing the loan so that the denomination will not receive any money in the form of a gift, Baptist leaders declared.

The hospital had contracted earlier for \$2,200,000, 20-year loan at 5½ per cent interest from an insurance company.

The funds will be used to complete the hospital.

Congress in 1958 amended the Hill-Burton Act to provide for loans to hospitals as well as outright gifts. Chief among group petitioning Congress for the loan provision were Baptists, who feel that direct gifts from the government to a sectarian hospital violate separation of church and state.

The Pontiff

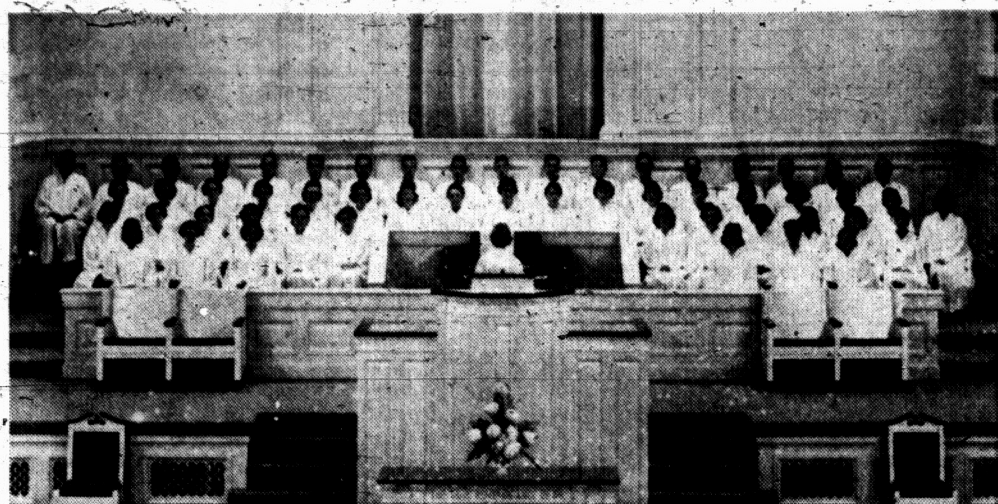
VATICAN CITY (RNS) — Pope John XXIII said Catholics should take an active part in politics and it is the "right and duty" of the Church to give them moral guidance in such activities. The Pontiff spoke at an audience to delegates attending the ninth national meeting of the Union of Italian Catholic Lawyers.

Controversy

PORTLAND, Ore. (RNS) — A granite pillar of the Ten Commandments, offered to the Eagles Lodge, has become the center of a controversy over religious freedom between City Commissioner Ormond R. Bean and Rabbi Julius J. Nodel of Temple Beth Israel here. "It is fundamentally naive to assume that all you have to do is place the inscription of a noble teaching before the eyes of the public and it will miraculously be adopted," said Rabbi Nodel.

—ruling upon the case of an elder of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God who had been charged with acting as a minister and operating a church without a proper permit—it upheld the right of all religious communities to open and operate houses of worship without police authorization.

"There is certain appropriateness in the fact that at the first meeting of the Foreign Mission Board following this momentous victory for religious liberty in Italy two new couples are being appointed for that country. These are the first new appointments for Italy since 1952."



MESSIAH PRESENTED—A rendition of "The Messiah" by George Fredrick Handel was presented by the 60-voice Oratorio Choir of First Church, Vicksburg, to a congregation of over 700 persons at a recent Sunday evening worship hour under the direction of Kendall Smith, minister of music. Solo renditions were by Sidney Buckley, minister of music at Highland Baptist Church, Laurel, and John Strange, Hardy Jones, Mrs. Ben Allen, Mrs. Nolan Daughtry, Mrs. A. A. Ludke, Mrs. Charles Wigle, and Mrs. Cecil Burns, Mrs. Ernest Seago, was organist for the choral composition. Dr. John J. McCall is Pastor.



Northside Church Goes Full Time

Northside, New Albany is changing from half-time to full-time services on January 1.

Rev. W. L. Oakes, called as pastor of the church in September, will lead the church in its new schedule. Having held pastorates in Lafayette, Tippah, and Union Counties during the three years of his ministry, Rev. Oakes attended Clarke College last year and is now a student at Blue Mountain. He and Mrs. Oakes, the former Frances Foster, are both natives of Union County. They have two children, Patsy, 11, and Linda, 8.

FORT WORTH — (BP) — Southern Baptists' new 13-film "This Is The Answer" series will begin on 100 television stations January 4, 1959, and continue through March 29.

ATLANTA — (BP) — The Georgia Baptist Convention's executive committee here has approved the proposal to give it control of Shorter College at Rome, one of six colleges which have been receiving state Co-operative Program funds.

Pope Kin To State Baptists


MONTGOMERY, Ala. (RNS) — The 19-year-old youth director of a Montgomery Baptist revival center claims to be a third cousin of Pope John XXIII.

Mrs. Juanita Shaw, the wife of an airman stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base here, said her maternal grandfather and Pope John were first cousins. She said they grew up together in the same little Italian town of Sotto il Monte in the province of Bergamo.

Francisco Roncalli, Mrs. Shaw's grandfather, came to the United States and settled at Shaw, Miss., where he now lives.

"I thought they were kidding," Mrs. Shaw said when her mother, Mrs. J. A. Roberts of Greenville, Miss., wrote her the news.

Sunday School Department



BRYANT M. CUMMINGS, SECRETARY

- Guest Director — Sibley C. Burnett
- For—
- Association Superintendents of Vacation Bible School Work and Team Leaders
 - Association Superintendents
 - Association Missionaries
 - Pastors, Educational Directors
 - Elementary Directors
 - Music Directors

SIX CONFERENCES — FIVE SESSIONS

1. Nursery Workers
2. Beginner Workers
3. Primary Workers
4. Junior Workers
5. Intermediate Workers
6. Principals, Pastors, Missionaries, (Organization and Administration)

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AHEAD

- Co-operate in Soul-Winning Commitment Day — January 4
- State Bible School Clinic—January 12-14
- Simultaneous Religious Census
- Evangelistic Conference, Clarksdale, February 9-11
- Regional Sunday School Conventions
- March 9 — New Albany, First
- March 10 — Yazoo City, First
- March 11 — Laurel, First

IN JANUARY MAJOR ON PRIMARY WORK

- Ages 6-8
- Make assignments for evangelistic visitation
- Check progress on goals for enrolment and attendance
- Make Glorieta and Ridgecrest reservations
- Feature American Bible Society

"May Your 1959 Be Filled With Joy and Peace" — Carolyn Madison, Mrs. Ralph Alewine, Mrs. Cuthrell, Mrs. Judson Irwin, Bryant M. Cummings.

STATE BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC
January 12-14, 1959
First Church — Jackson
Meeting in Lower Auditorium
Begins Monday 2:00 p. m.
Concludes Wednesday 11:00 a. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY CAMP KITTIIWAKE
August 24-28

New Extension Department Teaching Book
Available in Baptist Book Store January 6
"The Teaching Ministry of the Extension Visitor"
By Mrs. Mildred C. McCraw

Jesus Christ Calls Forth Faith

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

Scripture Texts: Mark 9:2-29; Matthew 17:14-18.

A FEW WORDS PERSONAL AND INTRODUCTORY. It has now been more than fifty years since I taught my first Sunday school class, having been thrust into that exalted position by a good, simple minded old uncle. I did not realize then that this incident did not "just happen," but was His doing whereby the Lord stood me in a position where I could hear His call to

me to do this sort of work for Him. And there is no loftier work for the Lord; for it is by teaching that our blessed Lord Jesus aims to spread His kingdom's truth through the world. And the purpose of this is not simply that men should come to have a discursive knowledge of the Scriptural truth, but that the truth may have its way with them, and make them free in the freedom with which Christ Jesus makes men free. And more clearly

have I learned the lesson through the years, that I cannot do it alone, and I pray my God that I may from every possible direction have His help. From Him over all as an answer to earnest prayer, and from the mature men of my present class as they join me in the effort to find the truth in the lessons that applies to them in their individual lives, as they strive to live these lives to the glory of Him whose they are.

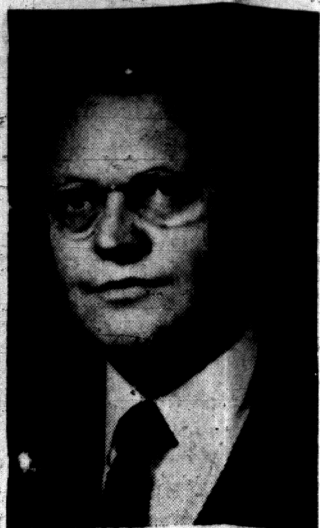
For more than twenty years now I have written these weekly notes on the S. S. Lessons, and have, within the past decade visited only one community in Mississippi where some S. S. teacher did not tell me that these brief notes were being regularly read. I humble my heart before the throne of Him who gives me the exalted honor of bearing this poor, weak witness to the worth of His matchless word.

Beginning with the new year, we continue the study from the gospels of the earthly life of our Lord. With the gracious incident of which today's scripture passage is the record, let us begin.

I. ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP. Mark 9:2-12. "Jesus takes with Him, Peter, and James, and John." Up into a lofty mountain apart, where He was transfigured. I think that in this experience He anticipated the glory that now is His, and that which awaits every believer in the glorification. Here on the mountain He had carried our humanity to its ultimate glory and might conceivably have gone from that bright experience back to heaven, but that He had a work for us still to



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. William Scott Taylor of Florence celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. They were married in Brandon and have lived in Rankin County since. Their children include: Mrs. W. A. Brown, wife of the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans; Miss Nell Taylor, Dean of Women, Louisiana College, Pineville, and Dr. James C. Taylor, professor at New Orleans Seminary.



E. Harmon Moore

Indiana Names Exec. Secretary

CARBONDALE, Ill. — (BP)—E. Harmon Moore, associate executive secretary of Illinois Baptist State Association here, has accepted the call of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana to become its first executive secretary. Indiana Southern Baptists organized their convention in Oct. with 111 churches. There are now 121 churches affiliating in their work. The state offices will be located at Plainfield, Indiana.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BPN)—Broadman Press, Nashville, has accepted for publication a manuscript titled Southern Baptist Preaching compiled and edited by H. C. Brown, Jr., professor of preaching at Southwestern.

do, and that work led Him from the mountain top back into the valley.

But it was on the mountain top that God bore witness to Jesus. Peter proposed an extended stay upon the mountain, but there came from heaven the voice of the Almighty. "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am delighted; hear ye Him" (Matthew 17:5). This was first, God's witness to the identity of Jesus, "My son;" it is secondly God's witness to the perfection, the flawlessness of Jesus' character, "In Whom I am well pleased, delighted; and finally it is God's witness to the authority, "Hear ye Him," and that means that Jesus holds authority from the Almighty on all matters of which He speaks.

II. THE NEEDLY PAIR AT THE MOUNTAIN FOOT. The epileptic boy and his father. Or maybe we should look at the weak disciples and the scoffing Pharisees. The poor boy was under the control of a demoniac spirit. The disciples had cast out demons; why could they not new?

Ah, Brother! Many a servant of Christ Jesus has been able to do great work for Him, and has, and then has lost his power. He may seem to have it still, even as Samson thought he still had his strength after he had lost it.

"But these men were continually with Jesus." It is sadly true that His followers now may do all the things that devout men ought to do, and yet suffer a spiritual lapse within. Men may shape prayers with their lips while their hearts are far from God.

This sort of tragic lapse can not for long be hidden, and the scoffers are among the first to notice it. Here they were on this day, challenging the disciples to make good their boasts of peculiar power.

Came the Lord of all authority over all principalities and powers. The plaint of the distressed father, "If thou canst!" do anything, and the exclamation of the Lord, "If thou canst!" "Why, that is not the problem at all. I can do all things; if thou canst believe."

"Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief!"

"Deaf and dumb spirit, I command thee . . . enter no more into him." The deaf and dumb spirit threw the boy into an epileptic paroxysm, but it came out, all the same.

"Why could we not cast it out?"

"This kind cometh forth only through prayer." Not through kneeling down or standing up or lying prone, but through prayer, that intimate communion of the spirit of man with the spirit of God, which is prayer.

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Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions to the Church

December 28, 1958		
Aberdeen, 1st	345	105
Antioch (Rankin)	49	27
Batesville, 1st	400	180
Beiden	105	85
Biloxi, Emmanuel	195	80
Booneville, 1st	254	94
Brookhaven	676	243
Main	580	183
Southway Chapel	61	38
Halbert Heights	35	22
Bruce, 1st	236	132
Byram	234	147
Calhoun City, 1st	277	134
Charleston, 1st	241	78
Clarksdale	411	110
Main	385	83
Clarksdale Miss.	427	136
Cleveland, 1st	332	96
Main	32	32
Chinese Miss.	131	83
Collins	583	202
Columbia, 1st	108	37
Corinth, Calvary	289	83
Corinth, 1st	192	92
Cruger	538	178
Crystal Springs, 1st	182	111
Dixie (Leb.)	72	74
Enon (Pano.)	196	76
Flowood	857	288
Green, 1st	689	245
Main	75	44
Greenfield	224	112
Green, Parkway	707	260
Gulph, 1st	241	84
Gulph, Grace Mem.	244	84
Hattiesburg:		
First	499	186
Main Street	854	412
Mission	287	236
North Main	36	39
Wayside	51	37
1st Avenue	182	117
Main	10	67
Bonhomie	141	67
Hernando		
Jackson		
Alta Woods	509	268
Alta Vista	34	33
Broadmoor	406	182
Calvary	1221	439
Main	1191	419
Mission	30	20
Crestwood	336	221
Daniel	803	366
Emanuel	172	129
First	182	111
Hillcrest	324	161
Highland	116	80
Highway	245	148
Midway	156	79
Ridgecrest	450	214
Southside	211	140
Van Winkle	242	93
West	307	143
Kosciusko, 1st	518	155
Main	27	27
Maple Miss.		
Laurel:		
First	529	206
Highland	120	120
Wildwood	256	110
Long Beach, 1st	253	98
Main	184	59
Delisle	12	15
Longview	85	58
Lucedale, 1st	364	143
McComb, Locust St.	104	59
Meridian:		
First	672	195
Highland	406	190
Arrowood	70	36
Eastview	121	89
Oakland Heights	223	91
(Poplar Springs Drive)	371	149
Main	347	126
Chapel	29	14
Calvary	318	143
Fifteenth Avenue	540	246
(South Side)	389	137
(Fulton Ave. Mission)	12	63
Morton, East	82	63
Natchez, 1st	479	184
Oxford, 1st	257	126
N. Albany, N.theside	67	52
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	258	149
Pascagoula, 1st	603	223
Main	549	195
McArthur	54	28
Pearl	201	102
Petal, Crestview	62	43
Petal-Harvey	345	156
Main	300	118
Harvey	45	38
Picayune, 1st	507	125
Potts Camp	101	44
Purvis, 1st	249	85
Raworth (Scott)	40	60
Ruleville	199	80
Ruth	60	52
Sharon (Gulfo.)	59	48
Soso, 1st	131	60
Springfield (Scott)	123	81
Starkville, 1st	492	198
Sumrall, 1st	111	57
Tupelo, 1st	404	183
Tyertown, 1st	290	139
Union, 1st	291	106
Wayside (Val.)	33	29
West End (Win.)	65	44
West Point, W. End	141	131



FATHER-SON BANQUET—The Brotherhood of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, observed a Father-Son banquet with the Royal Ambassadors as guests at a recent meeting.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. I. LYONS, McComb
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
GA Director—MISS WILLA DEAN FREEMAN

HOME MISSION STUDY INSTITUTES

Check with your Association- al WMU President as to the place and time. If you are to teach any one of the books— BE SURE and attend the Institute nearest you to gain all possible help. These Institutes are scheduled for the first two weeks of January.

GRADED SERIES THEME: WORLD EVANGELISM: In THE HOMELAND.

Adults: Ways of Witnessing—

Caylor.

YWA: Won By One—Maguire.

Int. GA The Charley Matthews Story—Mason.

Jr. GA For You—Ruchti.

Sunbeams Seven Little Karmuns Plus One—Jeffcoat.

The Adult and YWA books are 75 cents each, the others are 50 cents — there are teachers guides planned for each book — 25 cents each. All books should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

The Mission Study Chairman in South Carolina suggested that various TV programs be used for presenting the various chapters. The first chapter was an introductory presentation. The suggestions follow:

CHANNEL 2 (Chapter 2) THIS IS YOUR LIFE — Miss Minnie Berry — Mountain Missions Guests appearing: (select the people indicated in the book)

CHANNEL 3 (Chapter 3) PERSON TO PERSON — Mr. and Mrs. Clovis A. Brantley— Rescue Missions Mrs. C. E. La-Prairie — Sellers Baptist Home.

CHANNEL 4 (Chapter 4) IT COULD BE YOU — Mrs. Minnell Graves (Good Will Centers) — Charm Bracelet:

Baby Shoe — Early life of Minnelle Graves.

Diploma and Cap — Education, joys and sorrows.

Wedding Bells — Married Life.

Building — Good will Centers.

Group of Children — Kindergarten work.

Key — Various clubs.

VBS — Vacation Bible School work.

Praying Hands — Visitation and cottage prayer meetings.

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Rev. Leroy Wright

W. Ellisville Licenses A Preacher

Leroy Wright surrendered to preach in November and was licensed to preach by the West Ellisville Church on November 23, 1958.

Rev. Herbert L. Kinmon, Jr. is the pastor at West Ellisville.

ATLANTA — (BP)—C. Lamar McGinty, 73, retired president of Tift College at Forsyth, died of a heart ailment during a visit to Atlanta. He retired in 1947 after nine years as president of the Baptist school for girls.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (RNS)—A number of state legislators are reported giving their blessing to a new movement for raising moral standards, launched recently by the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

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Evangelism Clinics

For all Pastors and Evangelism leaders will be held as the afternoon session of each conference (2:30-5:00 P. M.)

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Questions Answered About Operation Baptist Biography

By J. L. BOYD
Mississippi Director
Operation Baptist Biography

"Is there a limit to the number of biographies to be sent in by a church?" Answer: Yes, limited to persons, living or deceased, who have distinguished themselves by long and self-sacrificing service, outstanding in citizenship, and in leadership in church, associations, conventions; or denominational worker, faithful and loyal to church and denominational causes.

"What method is to be used in selecting and screening list of names sent in?" Answer: By a well-chosen committee of the church, to make careful selections based on the above characteristics.

"Are women to be included as well as men, laymen as well as ministers?" Answer: Yes, both male and female, laymen and ministers, prominent evangelists and denominational workers, doctors and nurses, presidents of institutions and teachers, merchants and farmers.

"Are former pastors and former workers of a church to be listed?" Answer: No; they will be listed where they hold their present membership. Except it be one who retires and remains

DALLAS — (BP) — A former Southern Baptist missionary in California, R. R. Harvey, has been employed by the Texas Baptist Bi-Lingual Missions department to help promote Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work in Spanish-speaking Texas Baptist churches.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (RSSB) The semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be held here January 27-28. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, announced. Board committees will begin meeting on the evening of the 27th.

in the community where they last served.

"Are all pastors, retired preachers and retired denominational workers to be considered for this Book of Remembrance?" Answer: Yes; the pastor of a church should be the first to fill out the Data Forms, setting the example.

"What is the purpose, and use to which all these biographies are to be put?" Answer: One copy of each biography in each church will be filed in the office of that church and one will be filed in Dr. Quarles' office, Baptist Building, Jackson, for the use of anybody from anywhere who might desire for historical purposes; one copy from every church of every state in the Southern Baptist Convention territory will be placed in the Master File in the Dargan-Carver Memorial Library in the Sunday School Board Building, Nashville, Tennessee, for use of any person anywhere in the world to be used for historical purposes.

"What is the dead line for the biographies to be completed and sent in?" Answer: The month of January, 1959, is designated as Operation Baptist Biography Month during which it is hoped that a united effort will be made to have them completed.

For further instruction write Box 51, Clinton, Mississippi.

some employee and community activities.

Four-Color Feature

The four-color cover features the architect's drawing of the Board's new Operations Building, and its present buildings, including those at Ridgecrest and Glorieta assemblies.

The envelope in which the brochure is being mailed to pastors and other leaders was given the highest award for design and layout recently by the Envelope Institute of America.

For copies of the brochure send a postcard to H. E. Ingraham, Service Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

SS Board Brochure Ready

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — A brochure on the organization and work of the Baptist Sunday School Board is ready for distribution.

The booklet tells about the Sunday School Board as it is today, as well as a bit of its history. Charts show the Board's relationship to the Convention and its plan of organization.

Illustrations throughout show phases of the Board's work and

DALLAS — (BP) — The outside structure of the new \$3½ million Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board building in downtown Dallas will be 95 per cent completed this week, said construction superintendent Jack Easterling.

(CLEVES, Germany) — The local Cleves synod of the Rhineland Church has struck a fresh blow in the "battle over mixed marriages" in Germany by warning Protestants that mixed marriages might bring them under church discipline. (See EPS No. 2).

In resolutions dealing with



THIRTY-SIX MEN, pictured above, were in attendance at the Brotherhood supper recently held at Plymouth Church, Columbus, Rev. James L. Fletcher, Jr., pastor. According to their President, J. C. Davis, the enrollment is now 22.



BEULAH CHURCH of Smith Association on Nov. 30 dedicated their pastor's home debt free, and burned the note. Rev. G. E. Jolley, Superintendent of Missions of Smith Association, and Rev. Percy M. Cooper, pastor at Raleigh, were the inspirational speakers. The note was burned at the pastor's home by the deacons, C. H. Fortenberry, Chairman, Abb Purvis, Ralph Moore, Hilton Lee, Ruby Searcy and Jim Richardson. Rev. Earl Wells is pastor.

Mixed Marriages Disliked

the subject, the synod says that marrying Roman Catholics or bringing up children of mixed marriages in the Catholic Church are offences under the church discipline and can be followed by exclusion from Holy Communion and loss of church-membership rights.

Declaring that Protestants who marry Catholics are not bound to keep promises given to Catholic priests that their children will be brought up as Catholics, the synod decided to recommend tightening up the marriage regulations of the Rhineland Church as a whole.

Alcohol Education Council To Hold 12th Annual Meet

The twelfth annual meeting of the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education will be held January 8, at Rose Hill Episcopal Center near Allison's Wells. It has been announced by the Rev. Charles T. Chambers, Jr. of Clarksdale, Council President.

Over ninety Council members, representing twelve denominations and organizations, will assemble from all over the state for the one-day meeting.

After devotions by the president, Rev. Chambers, who is pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church in Clarksdale, a symposium on the theme "What is the Church Council's Concept of Alcohol Education?" will be presented with Dr. George Maddox of Millsaps College as Chairman.

The Rev. M. T. Engle, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Grenada, will present "Physical and Psychological Aspects of Drinking." Dr. R. R. Pearce, Professor of Sociology at Mississippi College, Clinton, will present "Sociological Aspects of Drinking."

The Rev. T. Russell Nunan, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, will present "The Development of Alcoholism," and the Rev. Robert Anding, Professor of Religion at Millsaps College, Jackson, will present "Moral and Spiritual Aspects of Drinking." Dr. Maddox will then develop with

the panel a summary of "The Philosophy and Policies of Alcohol Education," as it is used in the Council's work.

Business Session

After luncheon, the Council business session will feature the admission of the State YMCA to Council membership, the hearing of financial reports, reports from the Executive Secretaries, Rev. James S. Conner and Rev. C. M. Day, — and election of Council Officers and Standing Committees for 1959. The report of the Committee on Policy, to be made by Mrs. C. C. Clark, Chairman, of the State Library Commission in Jackson, will conclude the session, said the Rev. Mr. Chambers.

Officers of the Council for 1958 have been: Rev. Chambers, president; Rev. H. C. Adcock, pastor First Christian Church, Hattiesburg, first vice-president; Dr. J. L. Neill, Wesley Foundation Director, second vice-president; Rev. J. Harrell Harper, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, third vice-president; Mrs. Vasti I. Cain, Supervisor of Narcotics Education, State Department of Education, recording secretary; Major W. E. Holcomb, Commissioner of State Department of Public Welfare, Jackson, Financial Secretary; and The Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, immediate past president.

In Solitude

BORDENTOWN, N. J. (RNS) — "It's good to be back," Mother Charitas said after returning from her first trip in 32 years outside the St. Clare's monastery here. Mother Charitas and Mother Mary, Maddalena had left briefly to participate in an Evansville, Ind., meeting of representatives of Poor Clare's monasteries. Of their experience outside the cloister, the nuns said only that they found the trains had been streamlined and, as far as new automobiles were concerned they are "too low" for comfort.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — The Readers' Digest, January 1959 issue, carries an article "Lend Me a Cup of Sugar," by Hubert Kelly of West Nyack, New York. The article is condensed from the June, 1958 issue of Home Life.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's student evangelistic group will be able to send revival teams to churches next summer. Dr. Joseph Stiles, director of field work activities at the seminary, said the group is composed of many "capable and dedicated men."



FIRST CHURCH, SENATOBIA has paid \$7,830.00 interest to over 125 members who bought Church Interest Certificates to finance their new church building. "It's the best system I've ever seen for financing a church building program," says Dr. W. Clyde Martin, pastor. Under this system the church plans to liquidate \$20,000 per year of their building indebtedness. C. S. Baker, extreme right, is shown presenting Carolyn Cox with her interest check. Next to Mr. Baker is Dr. Martin. Waiting to receive their checks are A. E. Terry, Gene Woolfolk, Mrs. Annie Conwell, Billy Payne and Jimmy Aiken.

Non-Catholics May Open Italy Churches

ROME (RNS) — Italy's Constitutional Court ruled here that non-Catholic religious groups in this country may open churches, oratories and other places of worship, from now on without prior government permission.

The issue was raised before the court by the Rev. Francesco Rauti, an Assemblies of God minister, who allegedly had been harassed by local authorities for opening places of worship without previous authorization. Three lawyers appeared before the court and claimed for Evangelicals the right of "strict application of constitutional principles" granting free-

dom of religion to all groups.

The court held that the prior permission demanded by a decree issued in 1930 under the former Fascist regime violated Article 19 of the Republican constitution which says that all

people have the right freely to practice their religion in any form.

This article, the court stated, said that all individuals or groups may spread their beliefs and follow them, in private or public, provided their rites are not contrary to public morals.

The court rejected, at the same time, the principle that the appointment of non-Catholic ministers must be approved by the government because they perform marriage and other ceremonies, which must have the force of official acts.

Pays Rent With A Song

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church paid its annual rent with a song on Christmas Day. Members of the Ukrainian congregation which meets at Washington Cathedral (Episcopal) in the Chapel of St. Joseph of Arimethea, pending erection of its own house of worship in the nation's capital, said "thank you" to the Cathedral by singing Ukrainian carols at the evensong service at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. The service included a ceremony of "The Kiss of Peace," an ancient Christian practice long lost by Western Christianity.

POPE ABSOLVES CATHOLICS FROM ABSTINENCE ON DEC. 26

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — Pope John XXIII has issued a decree absolving Roman Catholics throughout the world from total abstinence on Friday, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas. Normally in the Catholic Church, Friday is a day of abstinence whereby the faithful are forbidden to eat meat and soup, gravy or sauces made from meat.

Days of abstinence differ from days of fasting which permit the eating of only one full meal.

Religious News Roundup

LONDON (RNS) — A serious clergy shortage in both the Canterbury and York provinces was underscored in the official Year Book of the Church of England (Anglican) for 1959.

SYDNEY, Australia (RNS) — Half of all recorded gifts by Australian Taxation Department show.

LONDON (RNS) — A 12th century copy of the Helmarshausen Latin Gospels and Eusebian Canons was bought here for 39,000 pounds (\$109,200), the highest sterling price ever paid at auction for a rare manuscript.

BOSTON (RNS) — Raising \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 for the extension of its program and service is planned by the American Unitarian Association. The fund campaign is the largest ever undertaken by the Unitarians.

PHILADELPHIA (RNS) — A mass rally attended by 1,500 persons highlighted observances here marking the 150th anniversary of American Methodism's first constitution.

Many Catholic Emigrants From Spain Lose Faith

MADRID (RNS) — More than 35 per cent of Spanish Catholic emigrants lose their religion and in some countries of adoption the proportion reaches as high as 93 per cent, according to the director of the Spanish Catholic Emigration Commission.

Msgr. Fernando Ferris was interviewed by Ya, Madrid Catholic daily, on the occasion of the annual Emigrants Day observed in parishes throughout the country. He said the leakage from the Church was one of the greatest causes of concern to the Commission which provides emigrants with spiritual as well as material aid.



Calls Pastor

Rev. R. A. Coulter has resigned the pastorate of the Harpersville Church to accept a call from the Forest Chapel, a mission of the Forest church. The chapel was begun in September and now has 21 church members, 73 enrolled in Sunday school, has adopted a budget of \$691.67 per month, and has four acres of land on which buildings will be erected soon. Presently the services are being held in a building formerly occupied by a feed company.

Rev. Coulter served the Harpersville church for more than two years and led the church in a progressive program while there. Among other advancements that the church made under his leadership was in the field of stewardship. For two successive years the church promoted the Forward Program of Church Finance and increased the budget by 36 per cent. He is a Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

Off The Record

An old bachelor was asked which he thought were the happier, people who were married or those who were not.

"Well, I don't know," he replied, "sometimes I think there is as many as is that ain't and as ain't that is."

The comrades are appalled at the ignorance of the downtrodden American wage slave — seems he thinks "Workers, arise" means the coffee break is over.

Fisherman: "Once I caught a fish that was three yards long. I never saw such a fish."

Friend: "I believe you!" — Bruce Altman.

Bob Hawk, the quiz emcee, asked a contestant to "name a great timesaver."

"Love at first sight," she replied. — Paul Denis

"If Minnie in Indian means water, what does Minnesota mean?"

"Aw, that's easy! It means sota water."

She: "I'm looking forward to my 30th birthday."

He: "You're looking the wrong way."

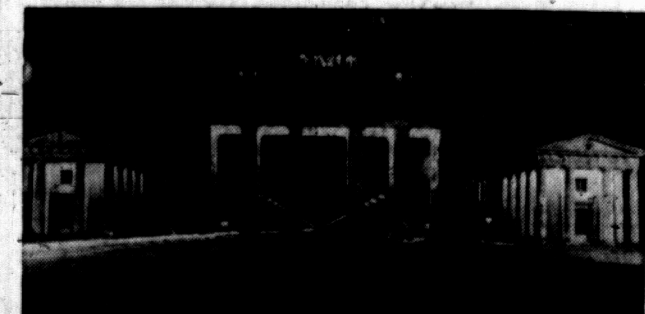
New Stenographer: "I've been saving a lot of time lately."

Veteran: "How's that?"

N. S.: "I found out that the dictionary is in alphabetical order."

A Little girl was telling of her hospital experience where she had an appendectomy. "They told me it would not hurt and then they stuck a needle in my arm and I disappeared."

Miserable-looking woman riding horseback through the barren desert: "It is a wonderful vacation and I am enjoying it. It is a wonderful vacation and I am enjoying it. IT IS A WONDERFUL . . ." — Corka



BERLIN — Brightly illuminated by searchlights, the famed Brandenburg Gate looms impressively in the night in East Berlin. The gate stands in the Eastern sector of the city, just across the border from West Berlin. Through the gate can be seen the lights of "17th of June" Street in West Berlin.